

Trojan down as cold grips NW

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The winter of 1980 took a chilly grip on the region Sunday as North-westerners shivered through the coldest day in nearly a year. Continued cold, slick streets and a chance of snow loomed for Monday.

And there was bad news on the energy front: Portland General Electric Co. reported that its Trojan nuclear power plant was shut down Sunday morning because of mechanical difficulties in its steam-powered turbine generator.

The temperature dropped to 23 de-

grees between 4 and 7 a.m. Sunday at Portland International Airport, the coldest reading since a temperature of 16 degrees recorded Feb. 2, 1979, according to the National Weather Service.

Sunday night — with the mercury at 30 degrees — frost-slicked streets were sending motorists skidding along sections of West Burnside Street, Southwest Macadam Avenue and Interstate 80-N. Sanding crews were out on roads east of Sandy, south of Oregon City and other locations. The cold wave in the metropolitan area was expected to continue Monday with a chance of snow or snow mixed with rain.

Meanwhile, PGE spokesman Steve Loy said the Trojan plant was manually shut down at 11:54 a.m. because of an air leak in the main condenser that collects steam used to turn the main power-generating turbine at the facility.

The plant, which was producing about 700 of its potential 1,100 megawatts of power, had been restarted Dec. 31 after being shut down since Oct. 12 for steam leak repairs and pipe support improvements.

Loy said the shutdown could last two to three days while workmen repair the problem. Under optimum conditions, it would take two full days to

bring the plant up to full power, Loy said.

Loy said the problem was on the "mechanical side" of the plant and not related to the steam leaks on the "nuclear side," which brought the Oct. 12 shutdown. He said the two steam systems on the mechanical and the nuclear sides of the plant are unconnected and transfer heat "like one finger to another."

Jim Hanchett, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in San Francisco, said Sunday that the commission would not be "particularly interested" in the current Trojan shut-

down because of its "non-nuclear" nature.

Loy said PGE officials probably would decide Monday whether to fire up the Bethel natural gas-powered plant near Salem and the Beaver diesel-powered plant near Clatskanie to help alleviate the power loss at Trojan. He said the two plants can replace 600 of the 700 megawatts that Trojan had been producing.

The lowest temperature for the state Sunday morning was 1 degree below zero at Baker. Burns had a low of 11 degrees, and Redmond had a low of 16 degrees.

The Portland forecast called for increasing clouds Monday and a chance of snow, or rain and snow mixed, Monday night and Tuesday, with a high of 40 and lows in the mid 20s Monday.

In Eastern Oregon, frigid temperatures ranging from the 30s to near or below zero were predicted through Thursday.



Staff photo by DON WILSON
STEP LIGHTLY - Seagull keeps foot hoisted Sunday as it stands on ice on Laurelhurst Park pond.

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Waldheim doubts sanctions to help

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim told President Carter Sunday that he doubts economic sanctions will induce Iran to free the American hostages in Tehran, the president's chief spokesman said.

But Carter nonetheless wants the Security Council to implement the sanctions against Iran "without delay," press secretary Jody Powell told reporters.

Waldheim, in a two-hour meeting with Carter Sunday night at the White House, reported on his recent three-day visit to Tehran. Also attending the meeting were Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and other senior officials.

Powell made it clear that Waldheim did not advise Carter to give up his bid for sanctions but instead was simply raising questions about whether sanctions would be effective.

Under a resolution approved Dec. 31, the Security Council would move toward imposition of sanctions against Iran if the 50 American hostages were not released by Monday.

"The United Nations it would forward and do what it said ... it would do," Powell said.

During a photo session before the meeting, Carter told Waldheim that his mission to Iran "was a great act of courage."

The president, according to Powell, expressed his gratitude for Waldheim's efforts in the captives' behalf but also made known his disappointment that the secretary-general was not allowed either to visit the hostages or to meet Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The meeting with Waldheim in the Oval Office took place after Carter returned by helicopter from the Camp David, Md., presidential retreat, where he had spent the weekend.

Waldheim is scheduled to report Monday to the Security Council on the trip. After hearing the report, the council was scheduled to take up the sanctions issue; but Powell said the timing was uncertain because of the U.N. debate on Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

U.N. observers suggested the council would do no more than adopt an agenda Monday concerning Iran, saying work on the actual sanctions resolution would not begin until later in the week.

Before he left New York, Waldheim explained why he believes economic sanctions against Iran would not work.

"They (Iranian officials) said that would not do harm to them ... they would get what they need from other quarters," Waldheim said. He added he

did not think sanctions would change the Iranian "attitude toward the (hostage) problem."

The U.S. representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Donald F. McHenry, who also attended the White House meeting, has predicted that sanctions will be approved.

Waldheim visited Iran from Tuesday to Friday of last week in an attempt to win the release of Americans held hostage by Islamic militants since Nov. 4.

Waldheim said in a broadcast interview Sunday on ABC's "Issues and Answers" that Iran's foreign minister and Revolutionary Council had agreed to the idea of a U.N. international inquiry committee studying allegations against the shah.

He said the idea was one he planned to submit to the U.N. Security Council on Monday as part of the report on his trip to Iran.

"We agreed that this commission would be a possibility," Waldheim said of his discussions with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh and the Revolutionary Council. Waldheim said he had the feeling the idea would also be approved by the militants holding the hostages.



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U.N. HUDDLE — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim (right) confers with U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry on Sunday before resumption of U.N. Security Council's discussion on Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

U.S. seeks U.N. denunciation of Soviets

By JOHN BAUSMAN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States urged the Soviet Union on Sunday to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan immediately and asked the U.N. Security Council to denounce the Soviet intervention there.

U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry called the Soviet action in Afghanistan a "dangerous breach of peace and security" and "a terrible miscalculation ... by Soviet authorities."

He described the Dec. 27 coup in the Afghan capital of Kabul as Soviet-engineered and rejected the Kremlin's claims that it was invited by the Afghan government to send in military assistance.

Also Sunday, McHenry predicted the council would approve economic sanctions against Iran, for holding some 50 Americans hostage in the U.S. Embassy, when it considers that issue again Monday morning. "If (the vote for sanctions) will go through," McHenry told The Associated Press.

The council, in its second day of debate on Afghanistan, heard from the delegates of 18 nations Sunday, 11 in a 2½-hour morning session and seven more in a 1½-hour afternoon meeting.

There are only 14 council members at present because of a dispute between Cuba and Colombia for the 15th seat.

Three of the afternoon speakers — from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Vietnam — defended the Soviet Union, while the others attacked the intervention.

The meeting, which brought to 33 the total number of speakers so far, was adjourned until Monday morning.

Five non-aligned members of the council circulated a draft resolution Sunday that "deeply deplored" armed intervention in Afghanistan and called for immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops there. It does not mention the Soviet Union by name.

The resolution, sponsored by Bangladesh, Jamaica, Niger, the Philippines and Zambia, requested Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to report within two weeks on progress toward its implementation.

The Soviet ambassador, Oleg Troyanovsky, told reporters as he left the council chamber that he would veto the resolution if it came to a vote in the council.

Russia is one of five permanent members of the Security Council with

veto power.

But a majority of the council or of the U.N. membership can within 24 hours get an emergency special session of the General Assembly, where there is no veto.

McHenry was first on the speakers' list for Sunday's meeting to discuss the presence of some 100,000 Soviet troops reported in Afghanistan since the overthrow and execution of Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin by pro-Moscow Babrak Karmal.

The U.S. ambassador challenged the Soviet contention it was asked by the Afghan government to send in troops.

"Are we to believe that President Amin invited Soviet troops to come into Afghanistan in order to oversee his own downfall and his own execution?" McHenry asked.

He said the first announcement of the coup against Amin and his replacement by Karmal, who had been in exile in Eastern Europe, came from radio transmitters in the Soviet Union purporting to be Radio Kabul.

"We know this because the real Radio Kabul continued normal transmissions for at least one and a half hours after these announcements were first

heard. Nothing in these broadcasts from Kabul confirmed the content of the Soviet broadcast disseminated in Afghanistan's name," he said.

On Saturday, a dozen countries including China, Japan, Egypt and Pakistan spoke against the Soviet move and called it interference in Afghan affairs.

The Soviets, Afghans and East Germans defended the action, saying the aid was requested and that it came only after interference from other foreigners, including the United States and China.

Fifty-one countries signed the request for the Afghan debate, the most ever to bring anything before the council.

In a resolution adopted last Monday, the council committed itself to meet again a week later to adopt sanctions against Iran if American hostages held since Nov. 4 were not released.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim went to Iran on New Year's Day in hopes of meeting with Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, whom U.N. diplomats feel holds the key to the hostages' release.

Khomeini refused to meet with him and Waldheim returned on Friday.

Death by drowning Girl, 13, held in SE Portland killing

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Portland police took a 13-year-old girl into protective custody Sunday night in connection with the death of 4-year-old Ruth Anne O'Neil, whose body was found by police Friday in a rubbish heap near her Southeast Portland home.

Police, who earlier would not reveal the cause of Ruth Anne's death, said Sunday night that the child died as a result of drowning.

Police spokesman Sgt. Dan Noelle said the 13-year-old was taken to the Donald E. Long juvenile detention home, but he would release no other details.

Noelle said the girl is expected to appear in Multnomah County Juvenile Court Monday morning. He said police were leaving disclosure of details of the case, as well as release of the girl's identity, to the discretion of the judge.

A source close to the investigation said police had focused their attention on a female in the neighborhood who possibly had a history of emotional disturbance, but would not elaborate.

Ruth Anne, who lived at 1543 S.E. 35th Avenue, was reported missing Friday by her mother, Gail, who began to look for the child after discovering that she apparently had gone alone to buy an ice cream cone from a Herfy's restaurant, located three lots from her home.

The mother found the child's boots in a garbage can behind the restaurant, and police later found the clothed body of the girl in a rubbish heap in a backyard near her home.

Dr. William Brady, state medical examiner, said the "position of the body and location of clothes was extraordinary," but he would not elaborate. Brady said an autopsy revealed no bruises and no other indication of physical or sexual abuse or poison.

He said the girl was found wearing denim pants and a knit sweater but no

underclothing. He said he understood that her socks and shoes were found neatly placed next to the body.

Another item of clothing and a dollar bill believed to have been the victim's were discovered at other locations.

Friday, Mrs. O'Neil told reporters that her house had been broken into several times in the past and that Ruth Anne's Christmas presents had been stolen. Neighbors Sunday said several other homes were burglarized Saturday and area residents were keeping their doors locked and children under adult supervision.

However, homicide detectives said there appeared to be no connection between the reported burglaries Saturday and the death.

A waitress at the nearby Herfy's restaurant said Ruth Anne and her 6-year-old sister, Bethany, often walked the short distance from their home with money and a note from their mother regarding their purchases.

Neighbors described the girls as well-behaved.

Mrs. O'Neil earlier said she had been separated from her husband for some time. She said she had just sold the Southeast home and was planning to



RUTH ANNE O'NEIL

move out of Oregon within the next two weeks.

Funeral for Ruth Anne will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with interment in Skyline Memorial Gardens.

In addition to the parents and her sister, survivors include grandparents, Raymond and Patricia O'Neil of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bridge of San Diego.

Grain trading halted in wake of embargo

By MARK S. SMITH

WASHINGTON (AP) — In response to President Carter's sharp cutback on grain shipments to the Soviet Union, the government agency that controls commodities futures canceled virtually all grain trading for Monday and Tuesday.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, meeting in emergency session Sunday, voted unanimously to close the Chicago, Kansas City, Mid-America and Minneapolis boards of trade to all dealing in wheat, corn, soybeans, soybean oil and soybean meal.

Dave Rosen, director of public information for the commission, said the commission "felt that time was needed for the public to assimilate precisely what the administration was doing so that everyone in the marketplace would have a better idea about the true supply and demand picture."

"We essentially want to know how much of these various commodities is likely to be available and what the true price ought to be," said Rosen.

Melvin S. Sjerven, senior editor of "Milling & Baking News," a weekly industry magazine based in Kansas City, said the commission action was "unprecedented. Such a thing has never happened before."

But, he added, it's a good idea because of the uncertainty surrounding how the government is going to cope with the impact of the embargo.

"The Department of Agriculture has been meeting all day today with exporters and grain companies ... trying to learn the ripple effect of what happens when you take such an unprecedented and extraordinary step of turning back onto (the) market 17 million tons of grain," Sjerven said.

Commenting on the embargo itself, he said: "Farmers will suffer somewhat less than what the grain industry is going to suffer. This destroys the market not for just this year, but clouds it for years to come."

But Robert Wilmoth, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, said the government decision was unnecessary.

He said he talked with commission officials before the decision was announced and told them he "didn't think anything would be gained by closing the marketing for two days."

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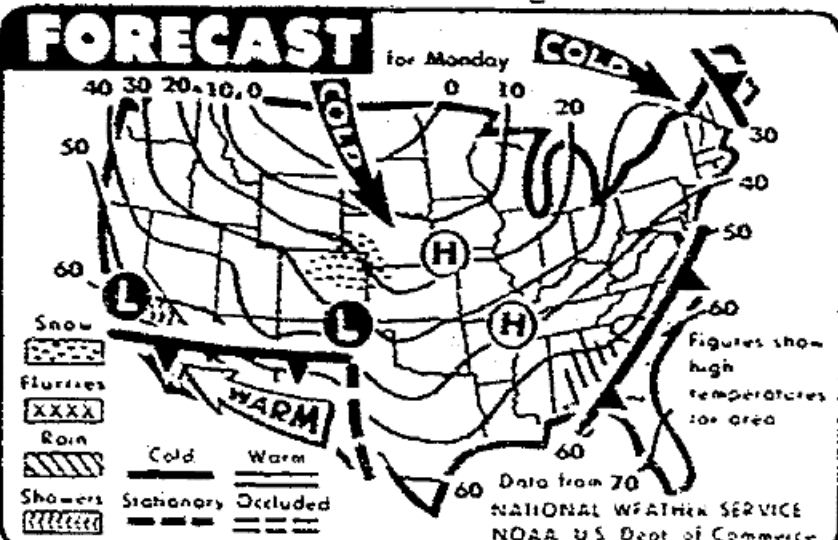
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FORECAST
Portland-Vancouver — Increasing clouds Monday. Chance of snow or rain mixed with snow Monday night and Tuesday. Winds variable 5 to 15 mph. Highs, 35 to 40; lows, mid-20s. Chance of measurable precipitation 30 percent by Monday night.

Oregon coast — Mostly cloudy Monday. Increasing chance of rain or snow Monday night and Tuesday with snow in Coast Range. Winds southeast 10 to 20 mph. Local seas 5 to 9 feet. Highs, 30 to 35; lows, 25 to 30.

Oregon Cascades — Increasing clouds Monday. Chance of snow north of Astoria and snow south of Tuesday. Freezing level at surface about 4,000 feet Sunday. Winds north to northeast 10 to 20 mph.

Western Oregon — Continued cool with increasing clouds Monday. Chance of snow or mixed rain and snow north by Monday night spreading south Tuesday. Highs, 30s and low 40s; lows, 20s.

Eastern Oregon — Continued cool with increasing clouds north and fair south Monday. Chance of snow showers north by Monday night spreading south Tuesday. Highs, 25 to 30; lows, 10 to 15, locally 0 to 10.

Western Washington — Clear and cold Monday morning. Increasing clouds at Monday evening through Tuesday. Highs, 25 to 30; lows, 10 to 25.

Eastern Washington — Clear and cold early Monday. Increasing clouds late Monday with chance of snow Monday night and Tuesday. Highs, 15 to 25; lows, minus 5 to 10 north, 5 to 10 near seas south.

EXTENDED FORECASTS
Western Oregon — Occasional showers of rain or snow Wednesday through Friday. Highs, 35 to 45 north and 40s south; lows, 25 to 35, locally to 20.

Eastern Oregon — Chance of scattered snow showers mainly north Wednesday through Friday. Highs, 25 to 35 north, 35 to 45 south; lows, teens and 20s, locally near zero.

TEMPERATURE TABLES
High (H) and low (L) temperatures and precipitation (P) for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. Sunday. M indicates data missing; T means trace.

NORTHWEST

	H	L	P
Astoria	43	24	—
Baker	41	22	—
Bellingham	31	22	—
Burns	33	19	—
Brookings	41	45	.15
Burns	39	30	—
Eugene	39	26	—
Hood River	42	25	—
Klamath Falls	43	25	—
Lakeview	46	30	—
Medford	47	35	.02
Newport	46	30	—
North Bend	49	34	—
Orion	37	18	—
Pendleton	25	20	T
Portland	39	21	—
Quillayute	39	21	—
Salem	39	23	—
Seaside	35	22	—
Spokane	15	—	—
The Dalles	25	22	—
Tillamook	44	24	.02
Walla Walla	25	13	—
Yakima	28	13	—

NATIONAL

	H	L	P
Albany	21	5	—
Albuquerque	46	24	—
Amesbury	65	22	—
Anchorage	24	21	.05
Asheville	43	21	—
Atlanta	46	25	—

FOREIGN

	H	L	Wthr
Amsterdam	47	37	clwy
Athens	55	39	clwy
Bangkok	90	74	cl
Beirut	55	45	clwy
Berlin	32	27	clwy
Bombay	68	47	cl
Brussels	43	32	clwy
Buenos Aires	75	54	clwy
Cairo	61	46	clwy
Calcutta	82	64	clwy
Copenhagen	30	30	snow
Frankfurt	41	31	rain
Geneva	45	34	clwy
Helsinki	22	34	clwy
Hong Kong	70	59	cl
Jakarta	81	61	rain
Johannesburg	82	61	rain
London	73	64	cl
Lyons	57	47	clwy
Madrid	48	41	clwy
Moscow	67	66	cl
Mexico City	66	46	cl
Moscow	25	19	clwy
New Delhi	68	48	clwy
Nicosia	64	45	rain
Paris	45	41	clwy
Rio	65	46	cl
Rome	45	37	rain
Sao Paulo	67	47	cl

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES
(Excluding Alaska and Hawaii)
High Sunday, 80 at Corvus Christi and McAllen, Texas; low Sunday, minus 21 at Helena, Mont.

POLLUTION INDEX
Sunday maximum: not available.

VENTILATION FORECAST
Not available.

RIVER REPORT
Range of stages at Portland: high, 7.0 feet at 7 a.m. Saturday; low, 5.4 feet at 3 a.m. Saturday.
Forecast: Continued minor rises in lower reaches of western mainstem streams Monday. All other Oregon streams will show little chance or slow falls.

FREEZING LEVELS
Salem, 1,400 feet; Medford, 8,000.

SUNRISE/SUNSET
Monday sunrise, 7:50 a.m.; sunset, 5:44 a.m.

TIDE TABLES
High tides, northern beaches:
Jan. 7: 10:52 a.m. 3.0 11:08 p.m. 0.2
Jan. 8: 5:33 a.m. 7.7 5:11 p.m. 7.1
Jan. 9: 12:54 p.m. 2.7
Jan. 10: 7:02 a.m. 7.5 7:20 p.m. 6.2
Jan. 11: 2:51 a.m. 7.9 3:06 p.m. 6.0
Jan. 12: 8:44 a.m. 8.1 9:04 p.m. 6.1
Low tides, northern beaches:
Jan. 7: 10:52 a.m. 3.0 11:08 p.m. 0.2
Jan. 8: 11:45 a.m. 2.9 11:45 p.m. 0.7
Jan. 9: 12:54 p.m. 2.7
Jan. 10: 12:29 a.m. 1.9 1:36 p.m. 2.4
Jan. 11: 1:18 a.m. 2.3 3:38 p.m. 2.0
Jan. 12: 2:13 a.m. 2.7 3:38 p.m. 1.4

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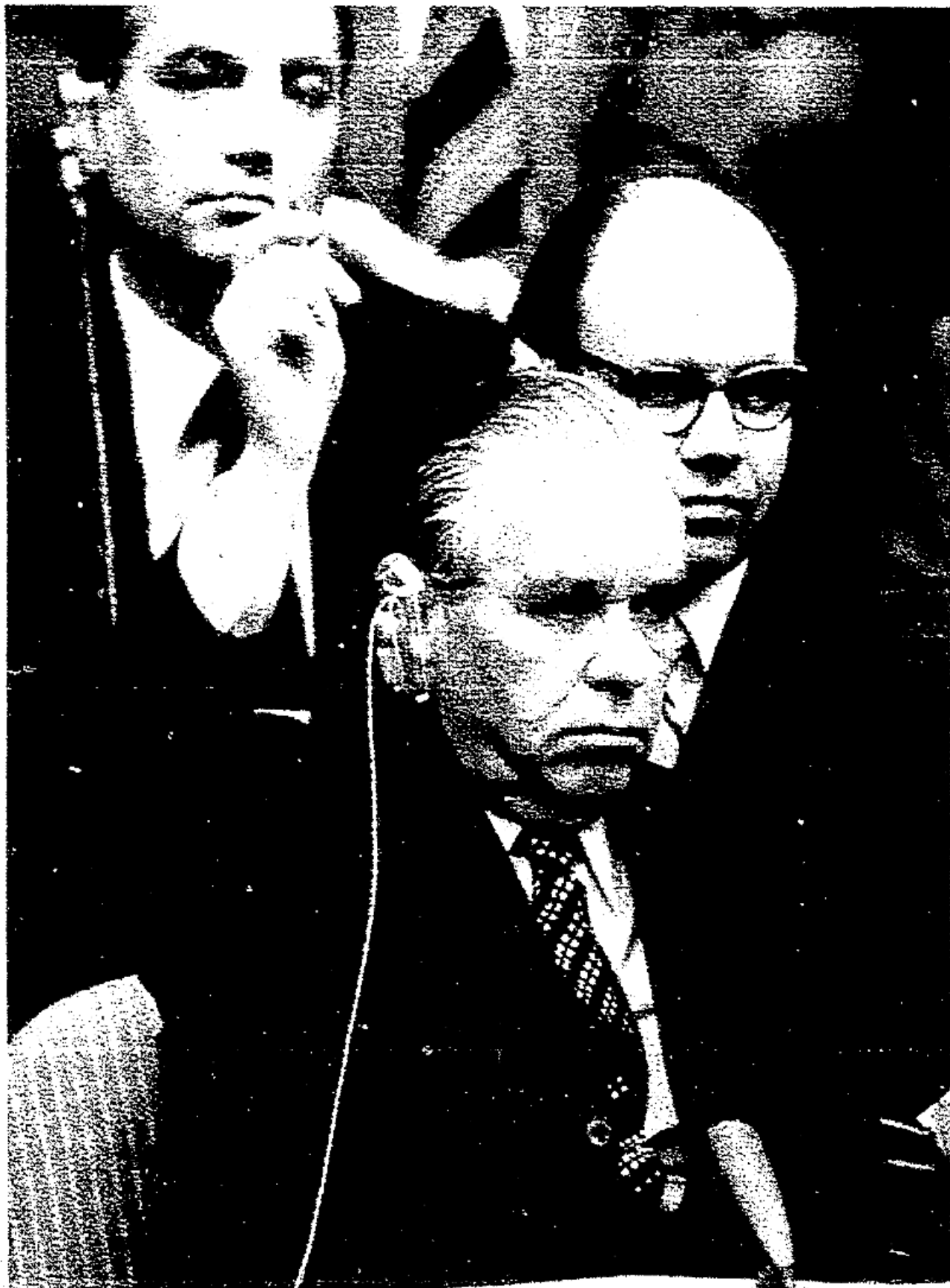
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Soviets veto Afghan pullout resolution



NAYSAYER — Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky casts veto killing U.N. Security Council measure calling for withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

Afghan rebels claim gains along border

Afghan rebels Monday claimed control of three districts near the nation's northern border with the Soviet Union and the capture of two towns near Pakistan.

However, in a tacit acknowledgment of the inferiority of their position, the Moslem rebels said they were stepping up hit-and-run guerrilla attacks against the better-armed Soviet troops.

One rebel in Mashad, Iran, said, "Groups of guerrillas are coming and going regularly between Iran and Afghanistan."

That report, like the others, could not be independently confirmed.

The State Department said the Soviet troop presence in and near Afghanistan could exceed 100,000 and predicted these forces would form part of a "large, permanent" troop commitment. The State Department assessment was similar to earlier projections by Western diplomatic sources in Pakistan.

"The extent and nature of the equipment delivered appears to indicate that there's nothing expeditious about the nature and purpose of the Soviet forces now deployed," said State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, who said the Soviets apparently had tried to se-

cure key Afghan cities and lines of communication.

The Soviets, armed with modern weapons and backed by tanks and warplanes, are reported to control most of the major cities and towns in Afghanistan, but fighting throughout the countryside is believed continuing.

In the capital city of Kabul, Associated Press correspondent Barry Shlachter, in a report filed Sunday, quoted Afghan and Asian diplomatic sources as saying Soviet troops were meeting armed resistance in at least five provinces in the landlocked nation surrounded by the Soviet Union to the north, Pakistan to the south and east and Iran to the west. Afghanistan also shares a tiny border with China in its northeastern corner.

Like its neighbors Iran and Pakistan, Afghanistan is overwhelmingly Moslem, and Moslem Afghan rebels have been waging what they call a "holy war" against a succession of three pro-Soviet governments for the past 20 months.

Afghan rebel sources in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, said Monday that rebels captured control of three districts in the northern province of Kunduz.

By DON SHANNON
LA Times-Washington Post Service

UNITED NATIONS — The Soviet Union vetoed Monday a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, where a Soviet invasion has spread throughout the country since late last month.

The United States and 12 other members voted for withdrawal.

Only East Germany voted with the Russians.

After three days of debate, in which nearly all the 46 speakers attacked the intervention, the Soviet ambassador, Oleg A. Troyanovsky, cast his veto. He had said the resolution, which did not name the Soviet Union, was a "flagrant intervention in the affairs of a sovereign state and should be rejected."

U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry called the Soviet veto "unfortunate" but told reporters, "I think you can expect active discussion" within the next 24 hours on a proposal to send the matter to the General Assembly. The assembly does not have the enforcement powers of the council, but it can express the will of the United Nations as a whole, and its actions are not subject to

a veto.

"We would maintain that it is not a matter for the General Assembly," Troyanovsky said, "just as it was not a matter for the Security Council."

The Kremlin has insisted that it sent Soviet troops — now estimated by U.S. officials at 85,000 men — into Afghanistan at the request of the Afghan government under a mutual defense treaty.

After the vote, the council called a private session to discuss further action in the Afghan case and also to hear Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim report on his mission to Iran. A U.S. resolution adopted by the council a week ago called for consideration of sanctions against Iran if the American hostages held in Tehran were not freed by Monday.

On the Afghan issue, reports have circulated that the Philippines was prepared to introduce a "uniting for peace" resolution to the council, which could send the question to a special session of the General Assembly. Such a resolution would require the support of nine of the 15 council members and would not be subject to veto.

The "uniting for peace" process first was used in 1950 when Soviet opposi-

tion to continued United Nations "police action" in Korea made it necessary to move the control of the operation to the General Assembly, which directed the Korean police action from that time on.

A parallel situation arose Oct. 30, 1956, when Great Britain and France vetoed a Security Council resolution calling on Egypt and Israel to cease fire in the conflict over the Suez Canal. The next day, the majority of the council adopted a resolution calling for an emergency session of the assembly under the "uniting for peace" mechanism and a Middle East peacekeeping force was organized in the assembly.

Monday, as in the earlier sessions, only East bloc nations or client states such as Laos backed the Soviet Union's contention that its troops were in Afghanistan entirely at the request of the Afghan government.

Two European nations attacked the Soviet position vigorously. Baron Rudiger von Wechmar of West Germany, an early supporter of East-West detente, said detente must be worldwide. "The present situation created by the Soviet Union has deeply clouded our hopes that this principle would acquire practical meaning," von Wechmar said.

The delegate from Yugoslavia, which opposes the contentions of Cuba and some other nations that Moscow is the "natural ally" of the Third World, said the non-aligned nations reject any form of intervention in their domestic affairs.

Earlier Monday, Waldheim made public a report on his visit to Tehran. In the report, Waldheim cited a conversation with the Iranian foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, in which Ghotbzadeh warned that "any pressure or enforcement action" following Security Council sanctions would only "provoke more resistance by the Iranian people."

United Nations officials denied any difference between Waldheim and President Carter over Carter's insistence that the hostages be released before any consideration was given to a possible international commission to study the alleged human rights violations under the regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. But Waldheim's report appeared to differ, saying that the secretary-general told Ghotbzadeh the release of hostages must take place "either before or at least simultaneously with the establishment of an inquiry committee."

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The first major snowstorm of 1980 struck the Portland metropolitan area Monday afternoon, bringing a white nightmare of traffic woes for home-ward-bound commuters.

More than 12 inches of snow fell Monday night and weather forecasters predicted another 2 to 4 inches by early Tuesday.

The National Weather Service said the snow might turn to rain at times Tuesday, with temperatures expected to hit a low of 30 and a high in the middle 30s. Weather charts indicated that another mass of cold air could hit Western Oregon later in the week, bringing more snow to lower elevations.

Oregon State Police reported late Monday night that road conditions on Interstate 5 between Portland and Woodburn and on Interstate 80N between Portland and The Dalles were "extremely hazardous." Besides snowy conditions, black ice was developing in spots on both highways, state police said.

They warned Tuesday morning motorists to drive cautiously and carry chains.

Police dispatchers in the tri-county area said Monday night that snow and ice had caused a rash of area road closures, "fender-bender" accidents, vehicle stalls and cars skidding into ditches.

Portland and Multnomah County road departments quid, but they sent sanding crews to key intersections, bridges and hilly areas before the start of rush-hour traffic. The sanding helped somewhat, and most traffic was able to move through the area.

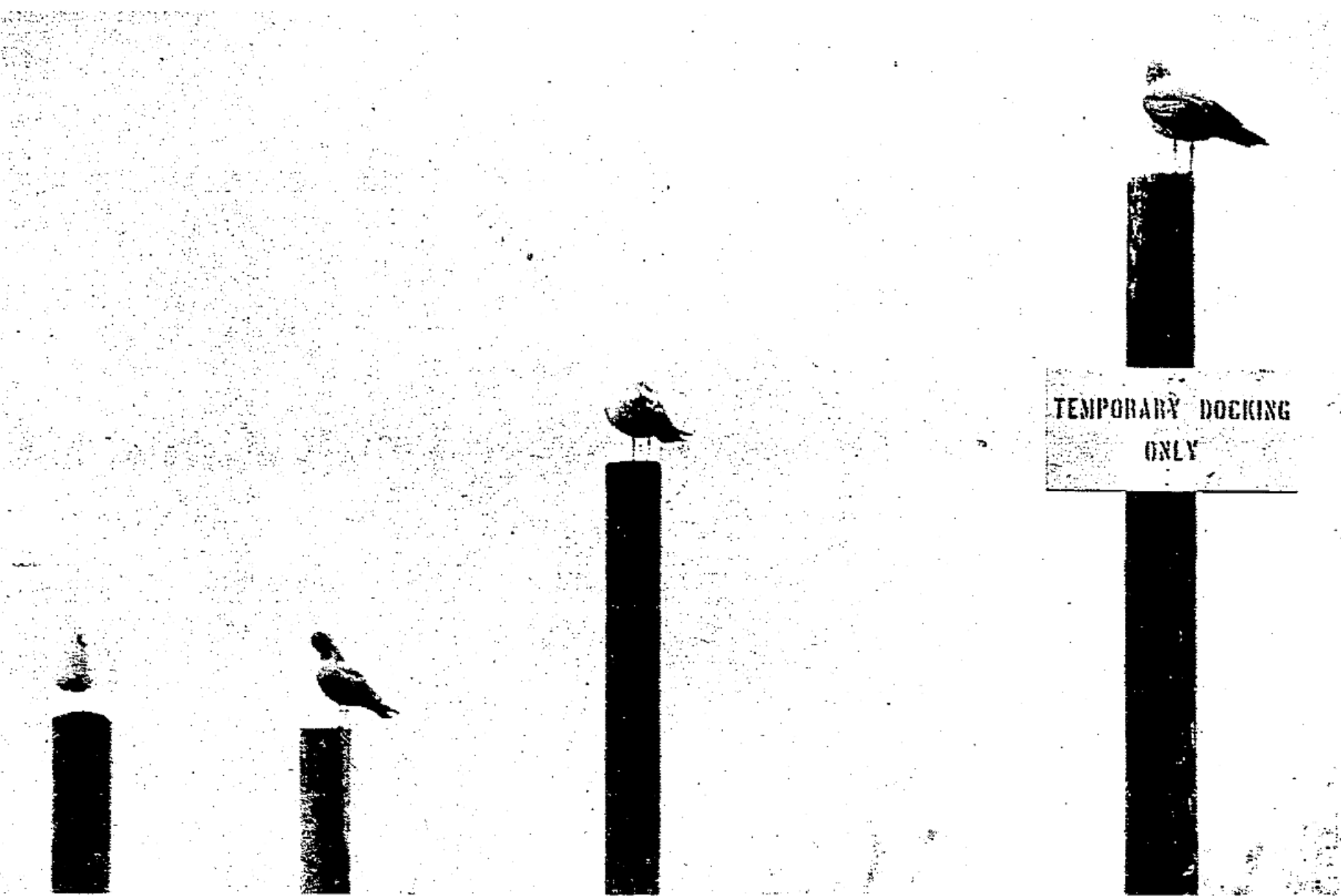
The evening's biggest traffic tie-up appeared to be on I-5 at the Interstate Bridge, where traffic at times was lined up for more than a mile in either direction.

The Washington State Patrol in Vancouver reported that the bridge was still closed because of stalled vehicles late Monday, and highway crews were trying to get sanders to the bridge area. The Portland Police Bureau's Traffic

Division reported patches of ice on all city bridges, and at one point was recommending chains on U.S. 26.

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SHORT STOP — Gulls observe orders to dock temporarily at boat launching site at Willamette Park on

Willamette River Monday. Minutes later, gulls flew off, only to be replaced at posts by other temporary guests.

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Police said most of the closures would be in effect Tuesday morning and urged motorists to avoid them.

Some 50 Tri-Met buses were equipped with chains as soon as the first snow fell, and many were operating during the evening rush hour in hillside areas. Tri-Met's new emergency snow route plan also was in effect for several hillside routes.

Although most buses were behind schedule Monday night, Clyde Earl, manager of Tri-Met's road operations, said the entire 550-bus fleet would be chained up and ready to operate on nor-

mal schedules Tuesday morning.

A spokesman for Portland School District No. 1 said no decision on keeping schools open would be made until early Tuesday morning. Parents were told to listen to radio broadcasts to find out which schools, if any, would be closed. Clackamas and Washington county school closure information also will be announced by radio stations.

Portland General Electric Co. and Pacific Power & Light Co. spokesmen said Monday night that the snowstorm had not caused any "immediate problems" in meeting power demands.

New clashes reported in tense Iranian cities

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators filled the streets of Tabriz on Monday, setting fire to a revolutionary committee building as violence flared across Iran. In the holy city of Qom, authorities accused "leftovers of the American agents" of planning clashes there later this week.

Tension mounted in the Kurdish powderkeg of Sanandaj as the governor general of Kurdistan province resigned to join protesters who demand the withdrawal of non-Kurdish government security forces.

The Persian Gulf coast near the Strait of Hormuz was closed down in mourning for the dozens killed in clashes between Sunni and Shiite Muslims in Bandar Lengeh. Another slaying was reported in the town as fighting continued for the fourth straight day. Between 41 and 56 persons were reported killed in weekend clashes.

Eight persons were reported killed in the southeast province of Baluchistan-Sistan, where a number of people were killed last month as some residents demanded the withdrawal of the revolutionary guard.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim reported to the Security Council on his visit to Iran last week — a trip it was hoped would lead to release of some 50 Americans being held hostage at the occupied U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Waldheim told the council, which is considering a U.S. request for economic sanctions against Iran, that Iranian officials warned him "enforcement" actions would only provoke resistance.

The militant students occupying the embassy insist they will not release the Americans held hostage since Nov. 4 until the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi is returned to stand trial for corruption. Khomeini backs their demands.

The office of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini announced the revolutionary leader canceled all appointments for 15 days starting Jan. 12, Tehran radio said. Citing Khomeini's "extreme fatigue," the statement said he would not receive anyone.

The Islamic revolutionary prosecutor's office in Qom warned troublemakers to stay away from the city on Wednesday, when thousands of Moslem pilgrims are expected to observe the Shiite holy day of Arba'in.

Nations plan 'consortium' for Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is helping to form an international "consortium," including some Middle East nations, that will offer military aid to Pakistan, President Carter said Monday.

In a filmed interview with John Chancellor for NBC News, Carter said he could not elaborate on the aid program, inspired by the Soviet military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan, because it was "still in the embryonic stage."

On other question related to the "arc of crisis" in south Asia and the Middle East, Carter said he did not know if the Soviets were trying to control that part of the world, "but I think we have got to be prepared for that eventually, and the best way to prepare for it is to prevent its occurrence."

Asked how he would react if any of the 50 American hostages held in Tehran were subjected to trials, the president said, "I would rather not give specifics, but we are prepared to take action that would be quite serious in its consequences for Iran."

Carter declined to discuss the Iranian situation further but argued that Soviet moves in south Asia could be countered through a mobilization of world opinion and "the strengthening of countries in the area that might be threatened so that they can repel any potential invasion."

Government set to buy embargoed U.S. grain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration said Monday it will spend \$2.25 billion to buy huge quantities of U.S. grain ordered by the Soviet Union but embargoed from delivery as a retaliation to its military move into Afghanistan.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale called the Soviet attack "an absolutely outrageous, indefensible and dangerous aggression" that could not be ignored regardless of possible domestic political repercussions.

Mondale, who said the massive purchases were ordered by President Carter, told a news conference the Agriculture Department will buy the grain from export companies which had contracted to deliver it to the Soviets.

The action, he said, "is not without cost to ourselves" and is aimed at protecting farmers from massive price declines that otherwise might result.

"American farmers are just as willing as other Americans to carry their share of the burden — but they must not be forced to carry an extra share just because they are farmers," Mondale said.

The grain to be bought from the exporting companies — some 22 are involved in the sales to the Soviets — will include about 10 million metric tons of corn and approximately 3.7 million of wheat, officials said.

That represents the difference between the total of around 21.6 million tons that the Soviet Union has contract-

ed to buy and 8 million tons that officials say will be allowed to go to Russia under long-term agreement.

Rod Turnbull, a spokesman for the Kansas City Board of Trade, said the government program was a "first step in the right direction."

He said the program "will alleviate the problems of those who already have contracts in existence" and "lighten the blow to the export companies." But, he added, the plan may be of limited value to farmers.

However, Farm Bureau President Allan Grant said in Phoenix on Monday that farmers were "suspicious, very suspicious" about the purchase plan.

"It depends on what they (government officials) are going to do with it (the grain)," he said. "If they're going to hold it in storage, then it's a depressant on the market even though they pay the price they say they're going to pay for it."

He suggested that if the grain is "put into the trade and moved into the countries that need it as fast as can be done . . . then the farmers will not mind nearly as much as if it is held over their heads."

In New York, Thomas W. "Teddy" Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, said the union would wait until Tuesday to decide if it would boycott shipments of all cargo to the Soviet Union.

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Gold yo-yos from \$610 past \$670

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of gold soared past \$670 an ounce, slipped back by more than \$60, then turned around and headed upward again Monday as Cold War jitters continued to roil the world's bullion markets.

Prices of other precious metals were lower, and the dollar slipped against all major foreign currencies except the Canadian dollar on foreign exchange markets.

Nervousness over U.S.-Soviet relations in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and silence by the U.S. Treasury on rumors of a possible large gold auction produced Monday's bullion gains, dealers said.

But "the market gets terribly confused with rumors," said James Sinclair, a New York commodities broker, who reported heavy "Swiss buying," probably for Middle Eastern clients.

Monday's gold price surge started in Hong Kong, where gold rose to a record \$673.16 a troy ounce before closing at \$653.61, up from \$631.86 Saturday.

Later, gold closed at \$628.50 in London, up \$33 from Friday, and at \$625 in Zurich, up \$40. In New York, gold for January delivery closed on the Commodity Exchange at \$627, up \$23.40, after dipping as low as \$611 and rising as high as \$650 during the day.

Gold was quoted by Republic National Bank of New York at \$627, up \$27.

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Portland predicts 5-year cash shortfall of \$69 million

By STEVE JENNING
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Portland city officials Monday said estimated revenues over the next five years will be \$69 million short of projected needs — adding almost \$13 million to the potential cash shortfall listed in last year's analysis.

The assessment of estimated needs is required by state law. In order to qualify for state revenue-sharing funds, local governments each year must make a five-year projection of how much city services will cost and how many dollars

will be available.

Portland budget analysts have projected five-year revenue shortfalls in forecasts from each of the last half-dozen years. The most recent projection, however, estimates the largest dollar increase in the shortfall since the forecasts began, and city officials blame inflation.

"The cost of doing almost everything simply is increasing at a much higher rate than we'd anticipated," said Mark Gardiner, the city's budget officer.

By city charter, the City Council must balance the budget each year, and deficit spending — providing more services than can be paid for in any given budget period — is illegal. Gardiner said the task of balancing the budget will be more difficult because of inflation, however, and more cash savings must be made by decreasing the city payroll and seeking more cash grants from the state and federal governments.

The \$69 million figure compares with a \$56.35 million revenue shortfall

forecast last year. Both figures were arrived at by figuring the cost of providing the current level of city services over a five-year period and subtracting the estimated revenues available, with yearly revenue increases and inflation in service costs included.

Total general fund resources are projected to increase cumulatively by \$48.1 million over the next five years, reaching \$182.7 million per year by 1985. Services that cost \$133 million to provide this year are estimated to cost \$204 million in 1985.

Gardiner said the revenue shortfall can be erased by making relatively small cuts in general fund spending each year, because incremental savings made early during the five-year period will result in larger savings by avoiding the long-range, cumulative impact of inflation.

Budget officers suggest a \$3.3 million cut during the next budget year, 1980-81, a \$6.7 million cut in 1981-82, a \$3.7 million cut in 1982-83, a \$2.6 million cut in 1983-84 and a \$1.7 million cut in 1984-85.

If the cuts are made each year, they will total less than \$20 million.

If they are not made by increments, each year, the cumulative impact would result in a revenue shortfall totaling \$69 million through 1985.

Gardiner said the city would be "gaining ground" on the five-year shortfall forecasts had inflation stayed within reasonable rates. "As it is, we're still looking pretty good," he said. Budget analysts estimated a yearly inflation rate in the cost of city services of 8 percent to 9 percent through 1985.



Staff photo by RANDY WOOD

ICE FUN — A visit to Westmoreland Park Monday morning, although cold, was nonetheless fun for Sean, 4, who got to break patches of ice with his boots, and

Mindy, 1, who fed hungry ducks in a nearby pond. With them was their mother, Yvette Leake. By Monday afternoon, snow had started to fall in Portland.

Ashland suspect arraigned

POMONA, Calif. — A 24-year-old man charged with the murder of two Ashland girls was arraigned here Monday on an unrelated 1977 kidnapping charge, authorities said.

In Medford, Jackson County District Attorney Justin Smith said he would present evidence on the Ashland murder charges against Manuel T. Cortez to a grand jury Thursday. Smith added that he believed he had "a solid case backed by evidence" against Cortez.

In Pomona, Cortez pleaded innocent to a charge that he abducted a 16-year-old girl on a City of Industry, Calif., street Dec. 6, 1977, and held her captive in a garage until she escaped later in the day.

The girl told authorities she had refused to give her abductor her parents' telephone number when he said he wanted to call them and ask for \$100 ransom. The man fled after her escape.

Municipal Judge Robert C. Gustavson set bail at \$200,000 on the kidnapping charge and scheduled a Tuesday hearing on a request by Cortez' attorney for bail reduction.

Cortez on Friday was charged in Jackson County District Court with the Dec. 27 murders of Deana Jackson and Rachel Isser, both 11. The two girls were last seen on their way to play tennis at an Ashland park.

The nude bodies of the girls were found in separate locations in the Ashland area after they had been sexually abused, mutilated and killed, authorities said.

Cortez was arrested without incident early Saturday near his mother's home in City of Industry, about 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

In Ashland, Police Chief Vic Lively said one of his officers went to Los Angeles on Sunday with two representatives of Smith's office. Lively said he was waiting for a report from them, and understood "they had met with Cortez."

Smith said he didn't know whether Cortez would fight extradition. He said the procedure for formal extradition already had been started in Los Angeles, adding that his chief deputy district attorney, Frank Desimone, was in Los Angeles to discuss extradition with California authorities.

Smith said Cortez had a lawyer.



Staff photo by BRENT WOJAHN

SNOW FUN — As snow fell Monday, some students at Grout School, 3119 S.E. Holgate Blvd., including 8-year-old third-grader Jenny Leon (seated) and second-grader Kirk Bachelder, 8, pulled one another around grounds on sled, top photo. Jenny also got into snowball fight, bottom photo.



Suspect in death of girl ordered held

By JIM HILL
of The Oregonian staff

A juvenile court referee Monday denied release of a 13-year-old girl held in connection with the Friday drowning death of 4-year-old Ruth Anne O'Neil, whose body was found in a rubbish heap near her home in Southeast Portland.

Strict security measures were taken in connection with the hearing after a telephoned threat on the girl's life was received at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Court and Home. Dwayne McNanny, assistant Multnomah County Juvenile Court director, said, "We've taken appropriate security measures so that nothing happens."

Police and court officials said the girl's name would not be made public.

The court referee, Jody Stahanczyk, ordered the girl held at the juvenile home until the formal hearing in her case. The hearing was closed to the public and the press over the objections of The Oregonian and a lawyer representing the newspaper.

At the preliminary hearing, a petition charging homicide was filed against the girl. Also, Ms. Stahanczyk appointed the Portland law firm of Saxon and Marquitt to represent the girl. The firm has a contract with Multnomah County to represent indigent juveniles at court proceedings.

After the hearing, Deputy District Attorney Charles Kokes and defense lawyers Kenneth Saxon and Calvin Gantenbein gave a strictly limited account of the hearing at the direction of Circuit Judge R. William Riggs. They also said a confidential pretrial hearing, involving only the girl, her guardian, Kokes, and the defense attorneys, was scheduled for Friday.

Unless there are unusual circumstances, the lawyers said, the trial will be held within 30 days.

A major purpose of Monday's hearing was to determine whether the girl should be released to the custody of a guardian or held in detention. Defense lawyers would not comment about the child's guardian, but there were unofficial reports that she had been living with her elderly grandmother.

Riggs denied a Monday morning request by The Oregonian that a reporter be allowed to attend the preliminary hearing, citing the security problems arising from the telephoned threat. After the hearing before Ms. Stahanczyk, however, Riggs held a hearing at which attorney Nelson D. Atkin II, representing the newspaper, formally contested the exclusion from the preliminary hearing and asked for a court order opening future proceedings in the case to the press. Juvenile hearings usually are closed to the public.

Atkin argued that the Oregon Constitution prohibits secret court sessions. He also contended that Oregon law gives judges discretion to permit the press or public to attend juvenile hearings, and that Riggs should do so in this case in the public interest. Atkin took the position that pretrial publicity could not prejudice the girl's right to a fair trial because there are no juries in juvenile cases.

Riggs, however, agreed with Kokes and Marquitt, who argue that a newspaper had not shown that public interest in the case outweighed the possible prejudice which newspaper publicity might cause to the girl and the prosecution.

The judge emphasized that his exclusion of the press from Monday's preliminary hearing would not necessarily apply to future hearings, depending on circumstances as they develop.

Of The Oregonian's efforts to gain access to the hearings, Managing Editor Albert L. McCready said: "The Oregonian thinks the public has a right to know what goes on in juvenile court. We would not drag a 13-year-old girl's name or reputation through the mud without good reason."

Siskiyou smoke jumper base to close

By MARK KIRCHMEIER
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CAVE JUNCTION — The U.S. Forest Service announced Monday that it will permanently close its Siskiyou Smoke Jumper Base here in October at the end of next summer's fire season.

Warren Olney, Siskiyou Forest Service information officer, said 36 smoke jumpers and staff will be affected by the closure.

Olney said the shutdown is part of a move by the Forest Service's Regional Office in Portland to reshift its forest fighting resources throughout the Northwest.

Most of the Cave Junction personnel will be transferred to the Forest Serv-

ice's Redmond Station, and smoke jumpers at the La Grande base may be transferred to McCall, Idaho, in the future, he said.

"The closure is based on recent Forest Service studies on the cost-effectiveness of maintaining the Siskiyou base,"

The Cave Junction base's rookie smoke jumper training and parachute packing operations will be transferred to Redmond this spring, he said.

The Siskiyou base, constructed in 1946, had a firefighting range of 150 miles stretching as far north as Lane County, east to Klamath County and south to Lake Shasta, Calif., Olney said.

Part of that territory overlapped into the Redmond and other bases' air

coverage areas and that allowed the Forest Service to close the Siskiyou Base without impairing forest firefighting effectiveness, he said.

Olney said the Siskiyou Forest Service's "first strike" helicopter base at Grants Pass will continue, although it may be transferred to the Cave Junction site in the future.

Josephine County Commissioner H.S. "Chips" Combs criticized the closure and said the Forest Service should hold public hearings on the issue. Combs, of Cave Junction, said the Forest Service could be in violation of federal regulations for not preparing a statement on the environmental impact of closing the base.

First major snowfall strands some, delights others



SCHUSS! — Snow sprinkles downtown Portland, giving those toiling in offices and stores ideas about where they'd rather be.

HOMEBOUND — Tri Met buses become popular items as cars are left behind to be dealt with after winter storm that left more than inch of snow in Portland area.

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SLIDE — Tow truck driver realizes the havoc he accidentally wreaked at Southwest Vista Avenue between Laurel and Elm streets when one skid resulted in chain pile-up.

CHAINED MELODY — John Keyes isn't singing in the snow while completing the task drivers all over Portland performed Monday at rush hour — if they were lucky enough to have their chains with them when storm hit.

SMASH-UP — One woman was injured in this accident on Southwest Taylor's Ferry Road near Virginia Street, where road was slick and car slid out of control. Traffic was stalled for at least an hour as police, ambulance and tow truck tried to clear the damage.



Storm staggers East Portland, gorge



ICE CAPADE — Slush and ice hamper driving Tuesday morning on Southwest Skyline Boulevard as first major storm of season gripped Portland.

I-80N stays shut as blizzard rages

By JOHN GUERNSEY
of The Oregonian staff

Much of Portland's east side continued to stagger under snow and sleet Tuesday night, but the brunt of winter's first major snowstorm hit hardest in the Columbia Gorge towns, including The Dalles, Hood River and Cascade Locks.

The National Weather Service said it expected snow and ice turning to rain in a large part of the Portland area by late Wednesday. But cool air was still moving down from the north, and forecasters said snow and freezing rain could be with much of Oregon through Sunday.

Interstate 80N between Troutdale and Hood River remained closed Tuesday night because of blizzard conditions, and Hood River reported up to 30 inches of snow. The Dalles had 15 inches, Cascade Locks 20, and 8 inches of new snow was on the ground at Pendleton.

"The traffic is insane," said city police dispatcher Cindy Jensen at The Dalles. Motels in Hood River and The Dalles were filled Tuesday afternoon with stranded truckers and motorists, and the armory in The Dalles remained open Tuesday night to accommodate those who could not get rooms.

High winds compounded the snow problems in Cascade Locks and Bridal Veil. Numerous minor automobile accidents and pedestrian falls were reported in the gorge towns.

An estimated 30 cars, many caught without chains, were stranded at Multnomah Falls until snowplows could clear a path to Cascade Locks. Even some of the plows were stuck.

Gene Miller, a hotel operator in Cascade Locks who was in charge of finding emergency housing during the storm, said authorities planned to bring the stranded motorists from the falls to Cascade Locks for the night.

Miller estimated that 150 motorists already were stranded there.

Another motel operator, Tom Lovejoy, said most of the motel rooms in town already were filled by construction workers employed at Bonneville Dam.

"There's a blizzard here tonight, that's for sure," said Lovejoy, a Fargo, N.D., native. He estimated the snow was about four feet deep and said drifts had piled it up to the roofs of some homes.

Lovejoy said one longtime resident believed it was the worst storm in nearly 40 years.

It was still snowing hard in the gorge towns Tuesday night, and Hood River Mayor Chuck Beardsley declared a snow emergency. He ordered motorists to stay off certain streets to make room for snowplows, and all moving vehicles in town were required to use chains.

The National Weather Service expected another two inches of snow in parts of Portland late Tuesday night and early Wednesday. The city's 32 sanding trucks continued sanding Portland's 200 miles of arterial streets all night Tuesday, in addition to sanding many hills and specific hazardous spots in neighborhoods.

Mayor Connie McCready sent non-essential Portland city employees home at midafternoon Tuesday because of icing on streets and sidewalks and worsening weather conditions. Numerous other downtown workers left for home early, and Portland schools were let out two hours ahead of schedule.

Some of the east side and West Hills areas of Portland had as much as five inches of snow by Tuesday morning, and winds, ice and snow flurries continued to hamper much of the east side throughout the day.

Several schools were closed along the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge, and nearly all schools were closed from East Multnomah County as far east as The Dalles.

Spokesmen for Portland General Electric Co. and Pacific Power & Light Co. said Tuesday night that some 9,000 homes and businesses were without electricity because of storm-related outages in the Portland metropolitan area.

The most extensive outage occurred when a 115,000-volt transmission line was severed in the Gresham area. About 4,000 PGE customers lost power there. Other outages were reported in Northeast Portland and in the Boring, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie and Brightwood areas.

Telephone service was interrupted in Southeast Portland and in Clackamas County, according to Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. spokesman Dave Underhill. The outages all were weather-related, he said.

Portland International Airport officials said snowplows were keeping up with new snow and ice, and all scheduled flights continued in and out of Portland. Operations from Troutdale Airport were hampered part of the day Tuesday by east winds of up to 30 mph.

Temperatures fell to 15 degrees early Tuesday at Baker, 17 at Pendleton, 25

at Portland and 27 at Redmond. High temperatures in the Portland area are expected to be in the mid-30s Wednesday.

State police said Tuesday night that chains were advised or required on most mountain pass highways, including U.S. 26 over Mount Hood, Oregon 6 along the Wilson River, U.S. 20 over Santiam Pass, Oregon 58 over Willamette Pass, and I-80N in the Pendleton and Ontario areas. Interstate 5 across the Siskiyou Summit to California was reported bare, as was the area around Burns.

U.S. 101 along the Oregon Coast was closed to mobile homes near Lincoln City and Florence because of high winds, as was I-5 near Albany. I-80N between The Dalles and Pendleton was packed with snow.

Astoria also had snow Tuesday, getting a full two inches.

New snow totals of 12 to 16 inches were reported at Mount Hood ski areas.

A high avalanche hazard was reported by the U.S. Forest Service in the Cascade Mountains above 4,000 feet, except in patrolled ski areas. Conditions were rated as extremely hazardous above 6,000 feet.

The freezing rain caused numerous traffic problems Tuesday night in Portland, many of them in the ice-covered area east of Northeast 72nd Avenue.

The Portland Fire Bureau reported that between 15 and 20 power lines were down Tuesday night, and the buildup of ice threatened more outages in East Multnomah County.

Tuesday night, driving conditions were reported to be very hazardous in Lake Oswego and West Linn.

Oil shortage not expected despite strike

DENVER (AP) — Some 60,000 oil refinery workers walked off their jobs Tuesday in the first nationwide strike in 11 years by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union.

None of the refineries operated by the 100 affected domestic oil companies was shut down immediately because of the walkout. Officials said managers and supervisors could keep the facilities operating indefinitely.

OCAW workers left their jobs at the Texaco Co. refinery in Westville, N.J., about 3 p.m. EST, and refinery workers elsewhere soon followed suit. The walkout, called for the end of each plant's day shift, is the union's first nationwide strike since 1969.

As word of Eastern walkouts spread across the country, some workers in Western oil states left before the end of their full shifts, observers said.

Energy Department experts estimated that refineries could withstand a strike "without substantial loss of production" for anywhere from 45 to 90 days, spokesman Jack Vandenberg said in Washington, D.C. He said the department had made no estimates beyond that time.

If crude oil supplies and demand continue unchanged, the walkout will mean little to American consumers, industry observers said.

"We're all prepared," said Clair Moyle, Sinclair Oil Corp. vice president, as the strike began in Sinclair, Wyo. "We'll do whatever is necessary to man it."

Ex-justice seriously ill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, hospitalized and receiving intensive care, was listed as "very seriously ill" Tuesday.

Douglas, 81, was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital on Christmas Eve suffering from pneumonia. His physician, Donald Steinweg, was quoted as saying Douglas is suffering from "progressive lung, renal and kidney failure."

"Mr. Douglas is very seriously ill. That's our most serious designation," hospital spokesman Peter Esker said.

Esker refused to say whether Douglas had lapsed into a coma, stating that such information would have to come from the former justice's wife, Cathy, who was not available for comment.

Steinweg was quoted by Supreme Court spokesman Barrett McGurn as saying, "The multiple complications stem from right lower lobe pneumonia."

A stroke suffered New Year's Day 1974 eventually forced Douglas to leave the Supreme Court in 1975.

16 merchants sue to block project

By PATTY MANTIA
of The Oregonian staff

Angry that their small businesses would be displaced by the proposed Cadillac Fairview hotel-office development, the owners of 16 downtown businesses filed a complaint in Multnomah County Circuit Court Tuesday seeking to halt the \$100 million project.

Defendants named in the suit are the Cadillac Fairview Corp. Ltd. — the Canadian developers of the proposed four-

block project — and individual members of the Portland City Council.

The business owners range from the proprietors of one of Portland's older eating establishments, Dave's Delicatessen, and the newer Frank Peters Inn to the operators of Burnett Brothers Jewelers, a Portland institution since 1924.

The lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of the proposed use of city funds to aid the private Cadillac Fairview corporation and claims there is a

lack of reasonable assurance to existing businesses that their displacement would be justly compensated.

"The merchants, all doing business in the four-block area affected by the Cadillac Fairview proposal, maintain that the project before the City Council would damage them severely and would be in violation of the state and federal constitutions," said Ed Tenny, spokesman for the group and general manager of the St. Johns Camera Cen-

ter, 825 S.W. Fourth Ave.

Don Willner, attorney for the group, said he is initially seeking a preliminary injunction to halt all further proceedings by the City Council and the developers on development of the four-block project.

Cadillac Fairview proposes to build a hotel, retail shops, an office building and parking space in the four-block area bounded by Southwest Third and Fifth avenues between Taylor and Morrison streets.

In order to succeed, the project could require as much as \$22 million in public subsidy, an expenditure of funds criticized by the business owners Tuesday.

"This is not a case of clear public need, such as construction of a hospital or public facilities," Tenny said. "This Cadillac Fairview proposal poses a threat to the most basic tenets of free enterprise and private property rights. We think every citizen should be concerned."

Tenny said the businesses' opposition to the project goes beyond the legal issues.

"While we believe there are sound legal grounds, this issue is largely a question of ethics and morality," Tenny said. "We see no justification in this project for taking away the property and livelihood of one group of citizens in order to enrich a private party."

The group announced its legal action in a dimly lit banquet room of Mr. D's Restaurant, 838 S.W. Fourth Ave., one of the businesses that would be cleared for the project. A few blocks away, the City Council was discussing the project at a meeting that drew offers of compromise from the development firm.

Tenny said the merchants had "virtually unanimous" support from other businesses located in the four-block area who were not a party to the legal challenge.

In response to news of the suit, Steve Janik, attorney for Cadillac Fairview, said: "All of the allegations are unfounded. We will vigorously resist and defend the action."

A hearing on the injunction request has been set for Jan. 17 in the courtroom of Presiding Circuit Judge Charles S. Crookham.

Parties in the suit are: Dave's Delicatessen, Burnett Brothers Jewelers, Mr. D's Restaurant, Fifth Avenue News, Downtown Deli, The Sunshine Tree, Red Coach Restaurant, Frank Peters Inn, Peter's Music House, Brock's Cobble Shop, Phagan's School of Hair Design, Looking Glass Bookstore, St. Johns Camera Center, Willoughby Hearing Aid Centers, Audible Wholesale Inc. and William Corbin, of Corbin Optical.

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Rebels claim victory

Afghan executions said continuing

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The new Soviet-backed Afghan government, which took power with vows to end official brutality, is secretly continuing the execution of political prisoners, Afghan sources and Western diplomats said Tuesday.

Anti-communist Afghan rebels, meanwhile, claimed to have captured a border post just south of the Soviet border after nine days of bloody fighting with Russian and Afghan government troops.

Horse-mounted guerrillas staged hit-run forays against white-clad Soviet troops in the snow-swept Northern hill provinces, eyewitnesses reported. Rebel sources in neighboring Pakistan claimed the guerrillas were successfully holding out against the Soviets and Afghan soldiers in other corners of Afghanistan.

7.5-9.5% proposed as pay-raise guideline

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's Pay Advisory Committee, bowing to double-digit inflation, agreed Tuesday to a new, higher wage guideline ranging from 7.5 percent to 9.5 percent.

Currently, the voluntary standard in the president's anti-inflation program generally allows 7 percent pay increases.

Several prickly points must still be resolved before the 18-member panel formally votes on the new pay standard and recommends it to the president.

Uppermost, the committee must develop ways to determine which workers deserve pay increases at the top end of the proposed range and which employees fall toward the lower end.

Several panel members, particularly those from management, hope to see most wage increases average 8.5 percent, the proposed midpoint.

But AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said the 8.5 percent figure should not be "something held forth as a substitute standard."

Carter established the current 7 percent pay standard in 1978, the first year of his voluntary program, when the administration was forecasting a 6 percent inflation rate.

However, consumer prices rose by more than 13 percent in 1979, eroding workers' standards of living.

The pay committee, made up of six members each from labor, management and the public sector, has been grap-

pling since October with the general wage guideline and other issues.

Previously, the members recommended that all groups of workers whose average earnings were below \$5.35 an hour be exempted from the pay standard.

They also recommended that any worker who was not part of a group and earned less than \$4 an hour continue to be exempt from the voluntary guidelines.

On Tuesday, the committee also recommended, pending a final vote, that escalator clauses in wage contracts be based on an assumed 7.5 percent inflation rate rather than the current 6 percent.

The panel put off considering how to calculate pension benefits as part of a wage-increase package.

Instead, committee Chairman John Dunlop asked the panel's staff to study a "separate and optional set of standards relating to pensions."

While a range of wage increases had been expected, its narrowness was a surprise, several panel members said. Wage increases last year ranged from 4 percent or 5 percent up to 12 percent a year, Dunlop said.

Even if Carter adopts the more liberal guideline, Dunlop said, "I expect (some) settlements above the range."

Dunlop said the productivity of an industry might be one criteria to determine the size of a pay increase within the voluntary range.

tion" of Afghan rebels fighting the new government. The newspaper Pravda said the American CIA sponsored formation of a "broad alliance of forces hostile to the Afghan revolution" in 1978-79.

After Babrak Karmal was put in power here Dec. 27 by a Soviet-led coup, he declared that the ousted regime of fellow Marxist Hafizullah Amin had subjected the Afghan people to "intolerable violence and tortures" and that such repression would be ended.

The new government claimed that 2,073 political prisoners were released from Kabul's notorious Pul-i-Charkhi prison Sunday under an amnesty decree, but Kabul residents reported seeing only about 300 freed.

Moreover, said one ranking Western diplomat here, "We have information that executions continue." He and other sources, none of whom wanted their names used, said they were certain that officials of the Amin regime were being executed secretly and buried in mass graves on unpopulated hillsides near the prison.

The sources gave no figures or names for the reported victims.

Although this indicated some of the past regime's repressive policies were being continued, even anti-government Afghans in Kabul said the measures taken so far had been on a smaller scale than under Amin. The previous sense of fear in the capital has been replaced by a strong resentment against the large Soviet military presence, they said.

After putting the new government in power, the Soviet forces have rolled out into the Afghan countryside in a bid to put down the lingering guerrilla war waged by fundamentalist Moslem tribesmen against the "atheistic" Marxists in Kabul.

Fighting continued in a half-dozen Afghan provinces Tuesday, the sources here said.

The Jang newspaper of Karachi, Pakistan, quoting rebel sources, said guerrillas captured the mountain valley town of Ishkasham, just across the Pyandzh River from Soviet territory, after a nine-day battle with Soviet and Afghan government troops. Ishkasham is in Badakhshan province; some 200 miles northeast of Kabul.

The Russians used helicopters and tanks in the battle, the rebels said. They said casualties were heavy on both sides.

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Tragedy stalked 13-year-old suspect in death of child

By ALAN K. OTA
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Michele Dee Gates, the 13-year-old Southeast Portland teen-ager who has been ordered held in the homicide of a 4-year-old next-door neighbor girl, has been trailed by tragedy through most of her life, according to interviews with neighbors and her grandmother.

Juvenile authorities have refused to allow release of details surrounding the arrest and prosecution of Miss Gates in the drowning homicide of 4-year-old Ruth Anne O'Neil.

The Oregonian is challenging the constitutionality of the law under which the juvenile court can operate in secret.

Albert L. McCready, The Oregonian's managing editor, said that because of the constitutional challenge, the newspaper did not disclose the information it had gathered Monday about Miss Gates.

However, he said, The Oregonian is

publishing the information because the Oregon Journal published her identity in its editions Tuesday.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office Monday filed a petition against Miss Gates alleging conduct in the O'Neil death that would be murder if committed by an adult. Juveniles under age 16 are not technically charged with alleged crimes and cannot be remanded for prosecution as an adult.

Miss Gates, who will turn 14 Jan. 30, faces a probable psychiatric evaluation that will be followed by a closed hearing on the petition before a juvenile court referee, according to Harold Ogburn, administrator of the Donald E. Long juvenile home, where she is being held.

She faces a maximum penalty of commitment to a state training school until age 21.

Formerly a seventh-grader at Catlin Gabel School, a private school in Washington County, Miss Gates, who wore

her hair in two neat braids, is described by her neighbors as a popular "extra-normal" girl, nicknamed "Farrah" for her idol Farrah Fawcett-Majors.

Her grandmother and guardian, Dee Reese, said Miss Gates was frequently introspective, not showing her "real feelings" and trying to forget a string of family tragedies that included the November 1978 drowning death of her 3-year-old cousin, Nahtyah Ottinio, while on an excursion with Miss Gates and Ruth Anne O'Neil at Washington Park Zoo, and the shooting death of her mother.

The Oregonian has learned Portland police detectives have opened a new investigation into the death of the Ottinio child. A source close to the investigation said a report on the incident will be filed with Multnomah County juvenile officials soon, possibly this week.

The Ottinio child died after a fall into the zoo's wildfowl pond while Miss

Gates was taking her cousin and Ruth Anne on a tour of the zoo.

Mrs. Reese said Monday night that detectives came Sunday night to her home at 1535 S.E. 35th Ave. and took Miss Gates into protective custody. She declined to discuss details of the investigation or prosecution of her granddaughter.

Mrs. Reese, who is the manager of a laundry business in Southeast Portland, said she was shocked by Monday's events and was "still trying to sort things out" in what was becoming yet another family tragedy.

Mrs. Reese said Miss Gates had been counseled by a private psychiatrist in recent years as part of family efforts to help her come to grips with the deaths of her cousin and mother.

"The psychiatrist said he had never heard of anybody with as many tragedies as our family," Mrs. Reese said.

Diane Gates, 28, Mrs. Reese's daughter and Miss Gates's mother, was

shot to death in what police described as a "family disturbance" Aug. 21, 1977. Norman Reese, Mrs. Reese's husband and Diane Gates' stepfather, was convicted of manslaughter in the death and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Miss Gates' parents were divorced shortly after her birth and a brief custody battle over Miss Gates ensued between her mother and Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Reese said. She said she was awarded custody of Miss Gates by the Children's Services Division in 1977, before Diane Gates' death.

The Reese home in Southeast Portland is a small tan home with neatly kept lawns and a 4-foot-tall vinyl-lined swimming pool in the backyard. Mrs. Reese said the pool had been drained since the end of summer.

Gail O'Neil, Ruth Anne's mother, said Tuesday that police believe her daughter drowned in several inches of collected water in the Reese's backyard

pool. She described Miss Gates as an "excellent baby sitter" who frequently cared for Ruth Anne and her sister, Bethany, 6, and who spent many hours at the O'Neil home. She said Miss Gates was one of the "sweetest, best-mannered, (most) well-dressed, best-behaved girls I have ever known."

An outgoing girl who was interested in a variety of crafts and was active on the school water ballet team, Miss Gates had many friends, but had been uncharacteristically reserved in the last two months, Mrs. Reese said.

"It was like something was bothering her," Mrs. Reese said. "I tried to delve in, but I couldn't." She said Miss Gates withdrew from Catlin Gabel School on Dec. 13 after she was accused of stealing a student's purse and had a spat with another student. She said Miss Gates was taken to another psychiatrist when problems in school began last fall.

City, officers may sue proprietors

By LINDA WILLIAMS
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SALEM — The city of Portland and one of its police officers may proceed with their efforts to make operators of a tavern share liability for an accident involving the officer and two minors who had been drinking in the tavern, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The court upheld part of a Court of Appeals ruling that the city had grounds to proceed with a third-party complaint against the tavern owners.

Officer Donald R. Lind's police car collided with a motorcycle driven by Brian Kolibaba. Darlene M. Miller, a passenger on the motorcycle, was injured and sued the city. The city settled with Ms. Miller for \$23,000, then sued David and Carolyn Alhadeff, owners of Dave's Rallye Tavern, to recover \$18,400 of the settlement.

The city claimed that if Lind was negligent, so were the Alhadeffs in selling liquor to Ms. Miller and Kolibaba, who the city claimed were underage and visibly intoxicated.

The Multnomah County Circuit Court struck down the allegations of negligence against the Alhadeffs and dismissed the third-party suit. The Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the case. The Supreme Court said the Alhadeffs were liable to the city only if they would have been liable directly to Ms. Miller had she sued them instead of the city.

The court said the Court of Appeals ruling was partially correct in that the allegations that the Alhadeffs were liable for selling liquor to Kolibaba was sufficient cause to proceed with the third-party complaint, but the allegations that they were liable in selling liquor to Ms. Miller were not sufficient.

In another case, the Supreme Court ordered Multnomah County Circuit Judge Alan F. Davis to vacate his order dismissing an indictment against a defendant after the defendant had been convicted by a jury. The judge had set aside the verdict against an ex-convict charged with possession of a firearm.

In another ruling, the court overturned the Board of Dental Examiners' order revoking the license of a Grants Pass dentist charged with "unprofessional conduct."

Phil Megdal, who had a practice in both Oregon and California, was accused of obtaining malpractice insurance from an Oregon carrier for dentists who worked for him in California by giving the insurance company the impression that the dentists worked in Oregon.



SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY — Tractor-trailer truck sits jackknifed in northbound lanes of Fremont Bridge Tuesday. Roads in east areas of Portland were blanketed with ice Tuesday night.

Desegregation plans revised Adams High wins reprieve

By HUNTLY COLLINS
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The Portland School Board's desegregation committee has backed off from a proposal that would have closed Adams High School as part of a new desegregation plan.

The committee, meeting Tuesday, also rejected its earlier consideration of converting predominantly black Boise School into an early-childhood education center.

Instead, the committee drew up four desegregation proposals for consideration by the board at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

"The committee felt that closing Adams was a dead issue," said Board Chairman Frank McNamara, who also heads the three-member desegregation committee.

Last month, Adams' patrons rallied widespread support for retaining the high school, which opened as a national showcase for experimental education in 1969.

The school, conceived by researchers at Harvard University, has since abandoned much of its experimental thrust in an effort to reverse declining enrollment.

At its Tuesday meeting, the board will be asked to choose from these new desegregation proposals:

— A plan advanced by board member Herb Cawthorne that would leave

all west side schools untouched.

The plan would add a magnet middle school to the Adams facility, which also would continue to house a high school.

It would also turn Beach School into an early-childhood education center, send upper-graders from the Humboldt School area to Oakley Green Middle School and add an early-childhood education center to Boise, which would continue its back-to-basics curriculum through grade eight.

— A suggestion by board member Forrest Rieke that would encompass Cawthorne's proposal but would also turn Couch School in Northwest Portland into an early-childhood education center.

Half of Boise and Eliot schools' pre-kindergarten students would be assigned to Couch.

— Another plan suggested by Rieke that would include Cawthorne's but also would set up a magnet middle school at the former Monroe High School site in Northeast Portland.

— And a plan proposed by McNamara, which would turn predominantly white Buckman School in Southeast Portland into a pre-kindergarten through grade five school, as well as assign upper-grade Buckman students to Boise.

The plan would also turn Chapman School into a middle school and cluster

it with King, Humboldt and Ainsworth, which would go through grade five.

Lower-grade Chapman students could attend King, Humboldt or Ainsworth.

McNamara's plan also calls for an early-childhood education center to be added to Boise and for a magnet middle school to be created at Monroe. Buckman and Boise upper-graders would have a first-choice option at the Monroe magnet.

Besides those plans, the committee has recommended some boundary changes and creation of additional classroom space at King and Humboldt schools.

School Superintendent Robert Blanchard is to recommend to the board Tuesday a specific blueprint for magnet offerings at the middle schools and early-childhood education centers.

Whatever plan is adopted by the board next Tuesday will be discussed at extensive public hearings before any final action is taken.

Blanchard to speak

Robert Blanchard, Portland public schools superintendent, will speak on "Equal Opportunity in Education" at noon Thursday, Jan. 17, at Mannings Restaurant in the Lloyd Center.

Loan plan would aid freeway-area tenants

By STEVE JENNING
of The Oregonian staff

A new, \$1.5 million, home-loan program has been proposed by Portland officials to help renters buy state-owned homes in the abandoned Mount Hood Freeway corridor.

If approved by the City Council, the special mortgage pool could be available to tenants of about 100 state-owned, single-family homes within the corridor of the defunct freeway project. The Highway Division purchased the homes between 1968 and 1972. The state has been renting the homes to tenants pending their sale, since the freeway project was killed in 1974.

Gary Knowlton, the local property agent for the Highway Division, said the state wants out of the landlord business and has tried to sell the homes through auction. Few of the homes, however, have been sold.

Some tenants are willing to buy the houses, but high mortgage interest rates, the age of the buildings and the state's auction sale process has discouraged them.

One state requirement demands that houses must be vacated three months before their sale at auction. The auctions also have increased prices for the homes by as much as \$5,000 more than would have been expected in a negotiated sale, officials said.

The Highway Division may sell the homes only through auction or through purchase by another public agency. The mortgage plan before the City Council would identify the Portland Development Commission — the city's urban renewal agency — as the nominal buyer.

The program would be managed by

the development commission with financial backing from nine members of the Oregon Savings & Loan League. Loan money would come from special, low-interest funds available to private lenders through the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

John Moore, an assistant to the president of the Equitable Savings & Loan Association and a member of the league's inner-city task force, said the federal board has earmarked the funds for inner-city revitalization efforts.

The money would be loaned to home buyers at 11.75 percent interest. The prevailing lending rates are 13 percent to 14 percent.

"But the money is particularly valuable because there's simply not a lot of loan money available," Moore said.

Persons who meet normal lending standards and who now rent state-owned homes could buy them with a 5 percent down payment, although the lending institutions may be more lenient on debt-to-income ratios for mortgage applications from within the corridor, Davis said.

The 30-year loans could not be transferred if the home is later sold. The development commission would act, more or less, as a middleman agency between the state and the purchasers.

"We really don't know how many renters will qualify for this," said Mark Davis, a development commission administrator. "We're hoping that at least a third (of the renters) will take advantage of the program, but I wouldn't like to get pinned down on a figure now."

Davis estimated that between 30 to 35 homes could be purchased through the \$1.5 million loan pool.

David Who for president? Aw, come on

Innocent matters get out of hand so quickly. Try to have a little fun, and someone takes it seriously.

At the risk of turning this space into a bulletin board for psychics and astrologers, not to mention assorted whackos, we'll return once again to the art (science? entertainment? work of the devil?) of predictions.

In the last dark days of 1979, I wrote of a psychic, David Hoy of Paducah, Ky., and of his predictions for the 1980s. Despite ironic comments in that column to the contrary, I put no more faith in David Hoy of Kentucky than I would, say, in Bear Bryant of Alabama or Lee Iococca of Chrysler. Well, maybe more than in Lee Iococca, but you get the point.

Among the predictions were that a front-runner would not be elected mayor of Portland and that Sen. Bob Packwood would retain his Senate seat, edging out a "male businessman" (as opposed to a female businessman, apparently.) I suggested, in a moment of hardly overwhelming amusement, that Gerry Pratt might be that male businessman.

Roy Scholl of Oregon City wrote to say that even such "gentle cynicism" as expressed in the column is too much publicity for these charlatans who dominate the tabloids and sell themselves in every other way.

Then someone calling herself Sue the Astrologer — Sue L. Owens of the Estacada area — upbraided me for saying that Pratt would lose were he to run against Packwood next November.

"If you wanted to say that you didn't think Gerry Pratt could win against Packwood, why didn't you come out and say so? Hiding behind a mediocre Psych-



Dan Hortsch

ic like Hoy is insulting to all concerned."

Well, I didn't want to say that Pratt couldn't beat Packwood. I don't even know if I think it. It just seemed the thing to write at the time.

Sue doesn't stop with that, though. She gets right into the jargon of her field.

"I have compared the horoscopes of Packwood and Gerry Pratt, and want you to know that Mr. Pratt would beat Packwood at any game the two gentlemen decided to play. Astrologically speaking, Packwood has a nasty Mars affliction — while Gerry Pratt has an excellent Jupiter placement. Another way of saying the same thing would be: Packwood is accident-prone where Gerry Pratt is lucky!"

It's disturbing to hear, of course, that Packwood has a nasty Mars affliction, but maybe there are drugists who will sell the necessary medication under the counter, no questions asked.

As for the "any game" theory, perhaps someone should test it by pitting the two in a game of Monopoly. On second thought, Pratt's experience in savings

and loans and supermarkets might given him an unfair edge. Maybe Scrabble would be more fitting for politicians.

Sue also added that she replaced Hoy as psychic at KISN radio. So it turns out I was dealing with a KISN flunkout. That does alter the picture, certainly.

What about Sue the Astrologer, though? In a later telephone conversation she termed herself something of a recluse who gets tired of publicity-seeking psychics and their phony, vague predictions. She herself, she said, keys astrological and psychic predictions to Page One headlines and dates and gives herself an 80 percent success rate that she maintains other news people will support. She even suggested a couple of simple tests I could try, but neither worked out. I won't hold it against her.

Nevertheless, coming up this year, she says, will be "sorrow at sea, could be flooding, many lost" on March 13. Next Dec. 31, "We lose a wealthy leader. This death is 'hard felt.'"

For happier news, look for a rainbow Feb. 5 (but don't expect to see it bannered on Page One).

In an "aw, come on" category of major proportions, she says that David Cargio, former governor of New Mexico and now a Portland lawyer, will somehow become president in 1981.

Obviously this has all gone too far. Before the laugh track snaps from over-exertion, I'll predict an end to these pieces about predictions. Say right about here.

Discrimination charge ruled unsubstantiated

A federal magistrate in Portland has ruled against Margot Perry, a former Multnomah County employee who contended in a civil suit that she was fired in late March 1974 because she contended publicly that the county should hire more women and minority workers.

The suit sought \$15,000 in lost wages, \$25,000 general damages and an injunction prohibiting the county commission from engaging in discriminatory hiring practices.

Ms. Perry was hired as a research assistant in August 1973 by Loren Kramer, then chief assistant of the board of commissioners, at the direction of Commissioner Don Clark. Clark said she had been his campaign manager in 1972.

During trial of the federal suit in August, there was evidence that Ms.

Perry made her remarks about hiring practices at a March 14, 1974, hearing before the county commissioners and was fired March 29. She contended that she was discharged in retaliation for those remarks.

In his opinion, U.S. Magistrate Edward Leavy concluded that Ms. Perry had not met her burden of establishing a "prima facie" case of employment discrimination in her discharge. He said she "simply failed to present any evidence which established the existence of a causal relationship between her involvement in protected activities (primarily her testimony at the hearing) and her discharge."

Leavy's decision in the case is subject to approval by a U.S. District Court judge.

Killer storm to deliver more misery

Three die; additional snow due

By STEVE ERICKSON
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A snow and freezing rain storm that crippled the Portland area Wednesday was expected to intensify Thursday with a heavy blanket of new snow and freezing temperatures.

Three deaths were blamed on the storm, including that of a woman killed Wednesday by a falling tree in Portland, an elderly woman found dead near her Woodland, Wash., home, and a truck driver whose tractor-trailer rig collided with another truck on icy U.S. 730 near Umatilla.

The National Weather Service said from three to five inches of new snow

More stories, pictures on the storm are on Pages B1-3, 5, 8.

was expected in the Portland area by early Thursday, making driving conditions "nearly impossible."

Snow also was expected to spread into southern sections of Western Oregon and into southeastern parts of the state early Thursday, the Weather Service said, as colder air aloft moved down from the Vancouver Island area of British Columbia.

The chance of measurable precipitation in the Portland area was pegged at 50 percent Thursday and 40 percent Thursday night.

Three people stranded in snow-bound vehicles in the Columbia River Gorge were rescued Wednesday by an Amtrak train led by a Union Pacific Railroad snowplow. One suffered from frostbite.

"As far as we can tell, there isn't anyone else out there," said Bart Whalen, spokesman for the Multnomah County sheriff's office.

In Portland, traffic was stalled on all streets east of Northeast 122nd Avenue, said Bill Nathan, head dispatcher for Radio Cab Co.

Nathan said the company's Gresham office had closed because of the heavy snow and ice, and said many drivers were refusing to take passengers east of 122nd Avenue.

"In Beaverton I hear there's hardly any snow at all, and downtown it isn't all that bad," he said. "In the West Hills, it's pretty nasty." A dispatcher at the Police Bureau's Traffic Division said most city bridges were blocked at one time or another because of traffic accidents.

Police were advising motorists to avoid the Fremont and Marquam bridges Wednesday night because of heavy accumulations of ice.

The Weather Service said the line between warm and cold air which formed Wednesday along the West Hills, leaving eastern areas with snow and western communities with rain, would succumb by Thursday to cold air, with snow spreading to all areas.

Power to about 80,000 Portland-area customers of Portland General Electric Co. was still out late Wednesday night, and Pacific Power & Light Co. said between 2,000 and 3,000 of its customers were still without service. Some 27,000 Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. customers also were without service as of Wednesday night, as well as an undetermined number of General Telephone Co. customers.

Bruce Landrey, a spokesman for PGE, said it might be two or three days before power was restored in most of his firm's service area. PP&L spokesman Bud Prince estimated power would be restored by late Thursday in his company's Northeast Portland service area. Landrey said the scope of the problem was almost identical to that in last January's ice storm.

U.N. assembly to deal with Afghanistan crisis

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council has called for an emergency special session of the General Assembly to deal with the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The council approved a Philippine and Mexican request to take the issue to the 152-nation assembly after the Soviet Union vetoed a council resolution Monday calling for withdrawal of foreign troops from the Central Asian nation. The vote Wednesday evening was 12-2, with Zambia abstaining.

The Soviet Union and East Germany voted against the measure, as they had against the council resolution on Monday, claiming it was an interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. The question was a procedural matter, however, and the negative Soviet vote did not constitute a veto.

Immediately after the vote, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim notified all representatives accredited to the

United Nations that the emergency session would convene Thursday afternoon. The assembly adjourned its regular 1979 session, which had been extended, on Monday.

The assembly is required to meet within 24 hours after being called under a procedure established in 1950 to deal with situations in which a veto prevents the Security Council from taking action to preserve or restore peace.

The Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan in late December, at the time of a coup that deposed President Hafizullah Amin and put Babrak Karmal in his place. The Philippines was one of six non-aligned sponsors of the Security Council resolution the Soviet Union vetoed Monday.

French Ambassador Jacques LePretre, council president for January, met informally with U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry and delegates from other countries earlier Wednesday.

The storm forced closure Wednesday of all public schools in Multnomah County and in Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz counties in Washington, but all remained open in Washington County and Oregon City.

Portland School District officials said late Wednesday that a decision on whether schools would operate Thursday would not be made until early Thursday morning.

A warming trend was expected by the weekend, the Weather Service said. The forecast for Saturday through Monday called for rain possibly mixed with snow in the Western Oregon interior, with high temperatures ranging from 35 to 45 degrees and overnight lows from 30 to 40.

The storm was most intense in the Columbia River Gorge, where Interstate 80N, the main east-west route through Oregon, remained closed from suburban East Portland to Hood River.

About 100 boats sank under the weight of snow and ice near the Columbia River cities of The Dalles and Hood River in Oregon and Washougal and Camas, Wash., and the Coast Guard said another 25 sank in Portland.

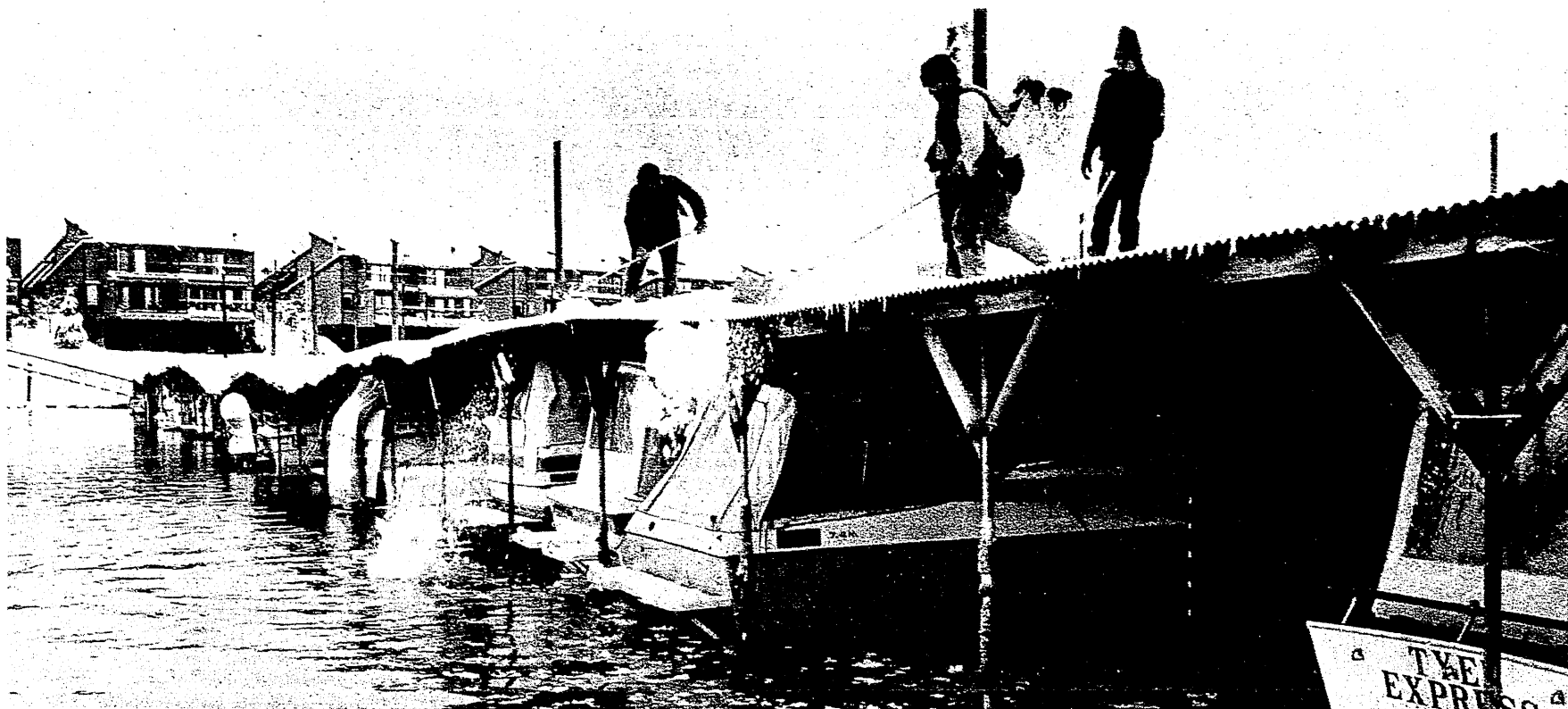
Gov. Vic Atiyeh's office reported that the National Guard had dispatched a truck to Gresham to help clear paths for emergency vehicles.

The Washington Park Zoo, which lost all its power Tuesday night, used emergency diesel generators Wednesday to maintain the heat necessary to protect exotic birds and animals. Officials said the zoo would be reopened when weather improved and power was restored.

United, Western and Continental airlines said Wednesday that they had canceled all flights inbound and outbound from Portland International Airport until Thursday morning.

An airport spokesman said one runway was being kept open and that private jets were taking off Wednesday afternoon. Spokesmen for the airlines said, however, that even though the runway was open, ramps where planes had to be serviced were icy and dangerous.

Mail delivery in Portland was hampered by the storm, dropping to about 40 percent of normal. Postmaster Benjamin Luscher said 500 carriers were on the job, but that another 150 had been unable to make it to work. He said the situation probably would remain about the same through Thursday.



CLEAR THE DECK — Workers remove snow from roof over boats at Hayden Island Moorage. About 300 boats were damaged or threatened by collapse of roof due to weight of snow.

'Limited state of emergency' declared

By STEVE JENNING
of The Oregonian staff

With snow-laden power lines and downed trees blocking city streets, many homes without light or heat and transportation severely curtailed, Portland Mayor Connie McCready declared a "limited state of emergency" Wednesday and urged all residents to avoid non-essential travel.

Mrs. McCready's declaration followed a mid-morning conference with public works Commissioner Mike Lindberg and city emergency services coordinator Ginny Bass. It activated the city's emergency telephone bank and set up other emergency city services.

Two emergency shelters were established in the city to provide food and overnight lodging. They attracted about 130 persons Wednesday night and will continue to be open until power is restored to the thousands of homes without electricity, officials said.

The shelters are located at Fremont Junior High School, 11800 N.E. Shaver St., and the Urban Indian Council building, 1634 S.W. Alder St.

The American Red Cross, operators of the junior high center, said more than 100 persons were at the center Wednesday night. Thirty persons were at the Urban Indian Council's center.

Additional private shelters were set up in Clackamas County and elsewhere in the metropolitan area.

An emergency telephone number — 248-9971 — was established for use by persons in need of assistance. That number was placed in use after an earlier one, using fewer phone lines, became overloaded.

Mrs. Bass said emergency services personnel were especially concerned about older residents who are more sensitive to cold temperatures. She suggested that elderly persons without heated homes move into the emergency shelter, if they continue to be without electricity, to avoid the potentially fatal effects of hypothermia.

She said calls to the emergency number asking for transportation would be honored, however, only if they are "bona fide medical emergencies." She suggested residents first try private ambulance companies. The city's Bureau of Public Works had eight radio-dispatched emergency vehicles to transport persons to and from medical emergencies.

City work crews were sanding and plowing snow-choked roads, and cutting fallen trees and tree limbs blocking arterial roads. Snow removal crews began working in the downtown area Wednesday afternoon, and drivers were warned not to park by hooded parking meters marking the path of removal equipment.

"We expect to have at least two lanes open on each arterial," said Geoff Larkin, a Lindberg aide. "But it's nearly an impossible job. In some cases, a crew clears a block only to have more trees fall after they leave."

Mrs. McCready urged all residents to avoid "non-essential travel" until weather conditions improve. She said conditions probably would worsen before improvement could be expected.

She also urged private businesses to curtail travel by employees and said her own bureau heads had discouraged non-essential personnel from working Wednesday.

The city's Public Works Department had 30 sanding vehicles, 19 snow plows and 20 street tree-cutting crews working Wednesday. The city also rented four privately owned plows to augment its fleet.



FREE WOOD — Enterprising man uses chain saw to scavenge firewood from downed trees along Terwilliger Extension, two blocks north of Lake Oswego. Trees were down across power lines, causing outages.

The crews continued to work through the night to clear major roadways, but were being hampered by parked cars and downed tree limbs and trees, a public works official said.

Dan Cooper, Mrs. McCready's executive assistant, said the storm's magnitude and its apparent aftermath "is probably as great as the one we had last

year." "The difference is that last year's cold snap was not followed by more snow and ice, and that's the way our forecasts read for the next two or three days," he said.

Government agencies and offices in the Portland area were functioning sporadically, some without electrical pow-

er and some with only skeleton crews. Some offices were closed.

Most major government buildings, such as the Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland City Hall, the Federal Office Building and courthouse, and the State Office Building, were open with most offices in operation. The Central Library and its branches were closed.

Carter bans all licenses Scientific exports to Soviets halted

By JAMES GERSTENZANG

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter suspended on Wednesday all licenses to export high-technology items to the Soviet Union, and he froze all further shipments, continuing his stepped-up protest of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

White House press secretary Jody Powell, announcing the move, said it went beyond Carter's original plan to review current policy under which computers, automotive technology and other possibly strategic information is sold to the Soviets.

"He has directed that all existing licenses be suspended and that all shipments under those existing licenses be frozen," Powell said.

Powell said Carter's original order for a review of current policy on sales of technology to the Soviets affected about 500 pending applications for export licenses valued at some \$155 million. He said that review will continue over the next four to six weeks.

Carter's Wednesday order suspending existing export licenses to the Soviet Union would affect millions of dollars in U.S.-made goods, although the White House said there were no figures available on the exact amount. But, over the past three years, manufactured goods that fit in this category have ranged in value from \$150 million to

\$216 million annually, a White House statement said.

Powell told a briefing for reporters, "The significant aspect here can't be related directly to the dollar figure."

He said it would involve "items important to their plans for expanding and modernizing their production capabilities in a number of areas."

Frank Kramer, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, said the license, known as a validated export license, covers technologies involving such items as computers, metallurgical sciences, automobiles, communications and chemicals. Kramer said the licenses involved had been issued for the sale to the Soviets of products ranging from trade manuals to actual hardware.

Asked whether any foreign compa-

nies were likely to try to take over contracts held by American firms supplying the Soviet Union, Powell said, "It is our view that is unlikely."

Earlier Wednesday, a senior White House official said that Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev told Carter that Russian troops will not be withdrawn from Afghanistan until they "have completed their work."

The official, asking not to be identified by name, said the Soviet leader's response came when Carter complained over the "hot line" to Moscow about the Soviet military movement into Afghanistan.

He said the conversation took place on Dec. 29, two days after a Soviet-backed coup took place in Afghanistan.

"You can characterize that statement (by Brezhnev) as 'the Soviets will withdraw the troops when they have completed their work,'" the official said.

"It was far from a satisfactory response. There was no specified period of time," the official said.

According to the most recent U.S. government estimate, there 50,000 to 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The White House official also indicated that brief consideration had been given to using military force to respond to the massive Soviet military intervention.

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Phone, electrical crews restoring service slowly

By JOHN GUERNSEY
of The Oregonian staff

Electricity and telephone crews in Multnomah County were deluged with problems Wednesday while trying to restore service to more than 200,000 homes and businesses.

Portland General Electric Co. said it

had restored service to 150,000 customers, including nearly all of the West Hills area in Portland and much of the Gresham-Orient areas.

PGE spokesman Bruce Landrey said an additional 80,000 customers were without service in his company's area as of late Wednesday night.

Gresham police reported that the phone line to the central dispatch facility was out of order.

Steve Loy, another spokesman for PGE, said about 20,000 customers were without service at one time or another on Wednesday in the Boring, Estacada, Redlands, Brightwood, Pleasant Hill and Sandy areas.

An estimated 60,000 West Hills homes in Portland lost power, as well as 5,000 more in the Milwaukie, Lake Grove, Lake Oswego, West Linn and Carver-Colton areas.

Falling limbs and ice on power lines caused most of the outages. Utility officials asked customers to call their offices as sparingly as possible — only to report outages or seek emergency help.

Bud Prince, spokesman for Pacific Power & Light Co., said between 2,000 and 3,000 of the utility's customers were without service as of late Wednesday. More than 20,000 were without power earlier in the day in the company's Northeast Portland service area. Most of the outages were caused by downed powerlines, Prince said. PP&L hoped to have all power restored by late Thursday, and Prince said the company would then volunteer its work crews to restore power in PGE territory.

PGE's Landrey said the firm had up to 150 repair crews restoring service.

The electric firm spokesmen agreed that outages in the storm were as extensive as outages during the ice storm of last winter and warned that the downed line problem could surpass last year's outages if the snow and ice continue.

Dave Underhill, spokesman for Pacific Northwest Bell Co. in Portland, said the firm had about 27,000 outages, mostly in the Southeast sector of Portland. Underhill said the Lents, Laurelhurst and Milwaukie areas were particularly hard hit and that additional repair crews were being brought in from Salem and Eugene.

General Telephone Co. reported losing all communications trunks connecting parts of the Portland area with Gresham and Orient.

Tri-Met hindered by downed lines

Tri-Met put 460 of its orange and silver bus fleet onto slick, snowy streets Wednesday, but many were hindered on their appointed rounds by fallen power lines and trees.

"We made a good effort but were unsuccessful on some routes," said Pam Dunham, a Tri-Met spokeswoman.

The agency was running buses on all of its regular routes except the Tualatin 37 line, which proved too hazardous to negotiate.

Tri-Met expected to continue to operate regular service as much as possible Thursday, but officials were discouraging commuter travel until road conditions improved.

"We said this (Wednesday) morning that we would be running buses all day and we have. I think we did a hell of a good job," Ms. Dunham said Wednesday night. "Seattle had a storm, too, and they didn't have any buses out."

In some cases, road conditions caused long waits for bus commuters, many of whom hoofed along bus lines keeping their eyes out for Tri-Met and their thumbs out for free rides.

Many of the buses slushed along pre-planned snow routes, but bus drivers often had to detour even on the special detours.

Some transit service was cut to the Gresham area when downed power lines on Southeast Powell Boulevard

and other eastbound streets blocked travel.

"We stopped some of our buses going to Gresham at 82nd Avenue and 122nd Avenue," Ms. Dunham said.

However, other buses were making every effort to get to Gresham, she added. The "Banfield Flyer," which generally goes along Interstate 80N, traveled local streets Wednesday to the east county.

The transit agency's east-side fleet lumbered out of the bus garage at Southeast 98th Avenue and Powell Boulevard at a slow pace Wednesday morning as drivers carefully jockeyed around two buses draped with live power lines. The buses also had to skirt a power pole felled by ice on Powell Boulevard.

"At any moment, the power lines could have slid off the two buses and hit those maneuvering around them," Ms. Dunham said.

"I'd call that pretty heroic, although the drivers are pretty cavalier about it, saying that they have to contend with situations like that during winter storms."

The situation delayed some buses about half an hour during the early morning rush hour and generated warnings to the public that bus service would be uncertain for morning commuters.



Staff photo by KRAIG SCATTARELLA

FAMILY AFFAIR — Patricia Hamilton and four of her five children carry their bedding into the overnight emergency shelter set up by the American Red Cross on Wednesday at Fremont Junior High, 11834 N.E. Shaver St. Children are (left to right) Daniel, 4; David, 9; Ruth, 11 and Matt, 3. Not pictured is Rebekah, 5.

Shelter provides fellowship, food for snowbound residents

By PATTY MANTIA
of The Oregonian staff

It was Snowstorm Survival 101 in the hallways of Fremont Junior High School on Wednesday night as more than 100 persons abandoned their ice-cold homes for a night out on the American Red Cross.

The fairly calm night followed a day of frenetic activity by local social service agencies, which were besieged with calls for firewood, emergency fuel, food and warm clothing.

While Mabelle Rook, 79, and Charles F. Leon Sr., 68, traded wintry war stories over steaming coffee about 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the junior high school at 11800 N.E. Shaver St., David Hamilton, 9, tested the slideability of a sloped floor in the school.

"I was suffering," Mrs. Rook said. "My heat and electricity were out. I had a kerosene heater, but I was afraid of my telephone going out. It wasn't working properly. If you're over 65 and it gets below 50 degrees, you're in trouble."

Leon's electricity went out at 9:23 p.m. Tuesday. He braved the cold in his Northeast 142nd Avenue house during the daylight hours Wednesday, but said he decided the heck with it at dusk.

"I walked most of the way here," he said. "But it was almost getting dark, and the cars were going right at me, so I decided to shine my flashlight and hitchhike. A nice person picked me up at 102nd and Fremont Street."

The shelter at the junior high school was one of two offering food and overnight lodging to persons without heat and power because of the storm. The other center, sponsored by the Urban Indian Council at 1634 S.W. Alder St., had about 30 overnight guests.

The fast-food dinner ordered for them was a little slow in getting to the shelters — arriving sometime after 7:30 p.m. — but coordinators were promising hot food in the morning.

The night's sleeping arrangements were cots set up in separate quarters for women-children and men.

Headquarters for the city and county coordination of emergency relief for victims of the storm was at the Kelly Butte Emergency Operations Center, where 25 volunteers manned telephones.

The emergency services phone bank was receiving about 150 calls an hour as night fell Wednesday. Later Wednesday night, calls fell off to about 100 an hour. Callers consistently received busy signals at the emergency number, though the phone bank had 11 incoming lines.

The number of persons seeking refuge at the emergency centers was fewer than coordinators expected, perhaps because last year's ice storm made Portlanders better prepared this year, officials explained.

"I think a lot of people are really trying to stick it out at home. The shelter center is there, we do have transportation available to get people there. But if they can get there by themselves, we encourage it," said Myra Lee, manager of Multnomah County's Office of Emergency Management.

Tri-Met's LIFT buses and volunteer drivers of four-wheel-drive vehicles were transporting persons to the shelters.

Throughout the day Wednesday, phones rang steadily at area social service agencies.

Calls for emergency firewood flooded the Portland Police Bureau's Sun-

shine Division, and the division ran out.

In Southeast Portland, Portland Action Committees Together Inc. said it had trouble getting fuel oil companies to deliver fuel to low-income persons eligible for a state program allowing them 100 free gallons of heating oil.

"We're having a hard time getting the oil companies to deliver just 100 gallons. They're busy with their regular customers," said PACT director Jim McConnell.

PACT does have non-perishable food for persons in need and some pre-tologs.

FISH, a private food bank, reported large numbers of calls Wednesday for food for people snowbound by the storm. It was seeking volunteers to deliver food Thursday, as well as donations of food.

FISH does have a small amount of wood which it will deliver to persons in need Thursday, according to its director, Jean Higginbotham.

Many elderly persons who receive daily hot meals from the Loaves and Fishes centers did not receive the meals Wednesday because of the storm.

Social agency personnel urged senior citizens to contact their friends and neighbors Thursday for aid or the emergency coordinating office.

Meet postponed

A two-day symposium on "Culture and Economic Development: The Impact of Modernization," co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Oregon and the Department of Black Studies at Portland State University and scheduled to start Thursday, has been indefinitely postponed.

Traction devices were required on mountain passes Wednesday. Avalanche warnings were issued for the Cascade Range as the weather service reported up to 50 inches of new snow since Monday.

Ski areas early Wednesday reported about 10 inches of new snow overnight, but skiers were sparse as the streets near their houses posed more of a challenge.

Desegregation meeting slated

The last in a series of public forums on Portland school desegregation will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the Lincoln High School cafeteria.

City school board members will present desegregation proposals and answer citizen questions.

The forum is sponsored by the Portland chapter of the League of Women Voters, Schools for the City, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.



Staff photo by DALE SWANSON

DEATH SCENE — Officer surveys area of South Park Blocks in Portland where tree fell on woman pedestrian Wednesday, killing her. Victim was walking on Southwest Park Avenue between Salmon and Main streets.

Storm injuries fatal to three

By FOSTER CHURCH
and JOHN SNELL
of The Oregonian staff

Three storm-related deaths were reported Wednesday, including that of a Southwest Portland woman who was killed on a downtown street when a tree weighted with ice snapped and fell on her.

Scattered injuries related to the storm were reported throughout the area.

The Portland woman, described as being in her early 30s, was walking south on Southwest Park Avenue between Salmon and Main streets Wednesday afternoon when she apparently heard a loud crack and looked up as the tree fell, said Bruce Lee, who witnessed the accident and also heard the sound.

Lee, 29, of 1410 S.W. Broadway, said he passed the woman moments before the tree fell. He said she did not cry out and apparently was knocked unconscious by the blow.

Lee said he tried to free the woman, but she was pinned down by a heavy limb. Police barricaded the street shortly after the accident.

The woman's name was being withheld until relatives could be notified.

In Woodland, Wash., the body of Elma Grace Gabrielsen, 79, was found Tuesday buried under several inches of snow, one day after she apparently went outdoors to check for mail.

"It is believed that she fell down (on the sidewalk) and couldn't get up," said Sgt. John Taylor of the Cowlitz County sheriff's office.

In another storm-related death, Kenneth Connolly, 29, Baker, was killed Wednesday when his tractor-trailer truck collided with another truck on U.S. 730 near Umatilla.

A search for a 4-year-old Hermiston boy, missing for 24 hours, was called off late Wednesday because of the weather. Lucas M. Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Glenn, was last seen by a neighbor about 4 p.m. Tuesday

while he was playing in the driveway of his home, The Associated Press reported.

Several reports of weather-related injuries were made by Portland-area hospitals.

A Gresham woman was reported in fair condition at Gresham Community Hospital Wednesday noon after a carport canopy collapsed on her.

Emaline Day, 53, of Palmquist Trailer Court suffered bruises and an injured back. She was hospitalized after being rescued from beneath the carport and four feet of snow.

In the East Multnomah County area,

Richard Dunning, a Vancouver, Wash., truck driver, was taken to Hood River for frostbite treatment after he was stranded at Multnomah Falls overnight.

Emergency services at east-side hospitals reported only a few persons were being treated there for storm-related injuries. A spokesman at Providence Medical Center said Wednesday that about a half-dozen people had been treated, with injuries ranging from sprains suffered in falls to hypothermia caused by power going out in homes.

Dwyer Memorial Hospital in Milwaukie reported one fractured leg, two sprained ankles and one sprained wrist.

Storm causes chaos in Southwest Washington

By The Associated Press

Heavy snow fell Wednesday on Southwest Washington, forcing officials to close highways in the Columbia River Gorge and collapsing roofs in Washougal, Camas and Stevenson.

Washington 14 was closed east of Washougal and was blocked by drifts in places to the Benton County line, said Kay Livingston, dispatcher for the Washington State Patrol in Vancouver. Interstate 80N also was closed on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, she said.

Three-foot snow drifts in the Cape Horn area stranded about 30 cars, a number of trucks, two state Department of Transportation snowplows, a blower and a Washington State Patrol trooper Tuesday night, Ms. Livingston said.

"Cape Horn is notorious," she said. The rocky bluff overlooking the Columbia River in western Skamania County is in the path of easterly winds howling down the gorge.

The stranded motorists were rescued by Department of Transportation graders. The group spent the night in a highway maintenance shop in the community of Prindle, about two miles east

of Cape Horn. The motorists were able to get out Wednesday morning.

"We have been very fortunate there's not been one injury accident" in the Vancouver district, Ms. Livingston said. "I can't understand it. We had a couple of roll-overs and the people walked away from them."

"There've been a lot of fender-benders and people driving into embankments," she said. "People seem to be driving slower to accommodate the conditions."

A snowslide that left trees across the road temporarily closed Washington 4 about six miles west of Longview, said David Reed, communications supervisor at the State Patrol office in Kelso. He said the patrol had numerous calls from motorists stuck in ditches.

The National Weather Service office in Seattle predicted that the storm, which dumped snow on Seattle earlier in the week, would return to more typical rain by week's end.

The weather service issued traveler's advisories throughout Western Washington for Thursday, with snow and ice reported on the highways.

Snow collapsed the roof of the Dolphin Marina on the Columbia River at

Washougal, about 15 miles east of Vancouver.

About 50 boats were damaged and some were submerged by the weight, said Clark County Sheriff's Lt. Doug Ray.

"Two of our deputies had boats there," Ray said.

There was no dollar estimate on the damage. Most of the boats were small cabin cruisers, he said.

The roof of a school bus barn in Washougal also collapsed Wednesday, Ray said. The building, about 100-by-50 feet, had a domed roof. There were no injuries. The extent of the damage to the building and the buses inside was not immediately known.

Snow also collapsed the roof of the Moose Lodge in Camas and the two-story building apparently was a total loss, said Sgt. Michael Slyter. He said no one was inside.

Under the weight of snow, the roof of the Stevenson Co-Ply mill collapsed in two areas, said Jack Bell, a spokesman for the cooperative.

No one was injured, but the Skamania County mill, which employs about 390 workers, will be closed for about three months for repairs, Bell

said. There was no dollar estimate of the damage, but Bell called it extensive.

As much of 2 feet of snow was reported in parts of Clark County. It was the worst storm since 34 inches fell in a storm around New Year's 1969.

Stevenson reported drifts as deep as 4 feet. Camas had 24 inches of snow, while Seattle had 7 inches, Bellingham 5, Tacoma and Olympia 12, Walla Walla 10, Yakima 7, Spokane 5 and Forks 7.

Many schools and government offices were closed throughout Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania counties.

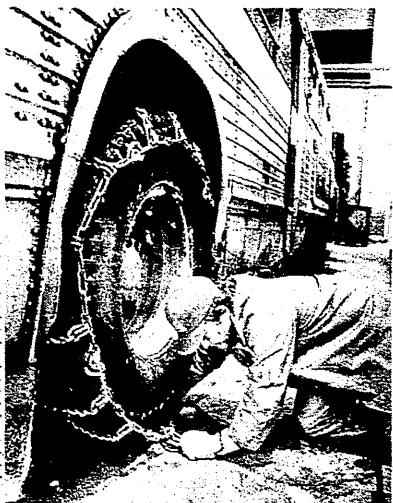
More than 500 employees and 200 snowplows of the state Department of Transportation worked around the clock since Monday to remove snow and spread sand and salt on the roadways, said Don Anderson, operations engineer.

In Eastern Washington, officials described the snow as normal for January and reported no major problems.

Western Washington utilities recorded near-record electrical usage even with schools and many businesses closed.

Power outages in Columbia and Cowlitz counties left several thousand residents without power Tuesday.

Work crews start massive cleanup of Portland area in wake of storm



CHAIN-UP — Tri-Met employee Brian Nielsen prepares bus for action in area covered by snow, ice.

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MICHAEL LLOYD,
BOB ELLIS
and BRUCE MCCURTAIN.

By JULIE TRIPP
of The Oregonian staff

Portlanders proved stormy relationships can be amiable in countless ways Wednesday as they plodded, trudged and skied their way to work, smiling through snowflakes and comparing storm stories with total strangers.

Except for the occasional sound of spinning wheels and clinking tire chains, downtown streets were fairly quiet, dominated by caravans of Tri-Met buses intent on making their rounds despite the disruptions of snow and downed trees.

For those who decided to brave it, transportation methods varied.

Cross-country skis worked fine for Brian Lacy, a Portland State University student on days when classes are in session. Wednesday, Lacy went Nordic and skied from his Laurelhurst home over the Burnside Bridge into downtown, where he made a book purchase at J.K. Gill.

Tony Blaine hitchhiked from his North Portland home to his downtown job at Cascade Blueprint.

In a voice coming from somewhere inside the fur-lined hood of his arctic parka, Blaine said, "Things are a real mess where I live, but I made it in just fine."

Margaret Jones and her daughter Melody, 9, were wending their way to transfer buses to get to Mrs. Jones' eastside job as a computer operator for Data Systems.

"School is out, so I have to take Melody to work with me today," Mrs.

Jones said.

Transit mall attendants Pat Kolodich and Gary Proctor started clearing walks with shovels and clearing tree limbs from streets early Wednesday morning. Ms. Kolodich lamented the loss of many trees lining Southwest Fifth Avenue, saying "I'm afraid there are a whole lot of them down."

But one bonus of the snow and ice may be that it aids removal of that pesky enemy of the mall attendant, bubble gum.

"We're getting up a whole lot of it," Ms. Kolodich said as she put her shoulder to the shovel.

Commercial artist John McLean walked briskly down the street, carrying a large, flat package. What made him come to work on such a stormy day?

"It's your fault," he told The Oregonian reporter. "I've got a couple of ads to get out for The Oregonian."

Dick Boulton, who works for the David A. Sutherland import-export company, said he hadn't had any problem getting to work, and that everyone made it in to his office on time.

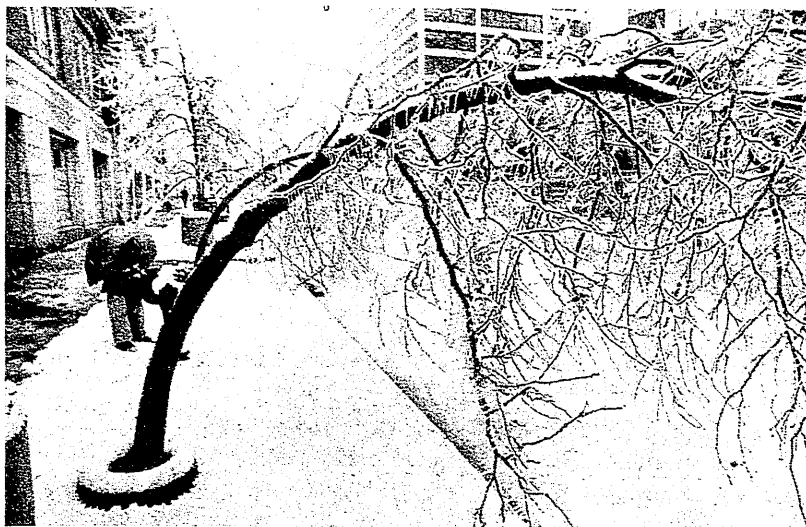
"It's not snowing in other places besides Portland, where we do our importing and exporting," Boulton said.

"Last year, when the storm hit, I was on a nice white, sandy beach in the Caribbean. I'd be there again, but there aren't any planes out," said the bundled-up Boulton, the vapor of his breath trailing out across the snow.



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PLOWS, AT LAST — City snow plows begin their plowing Wednesday evening near the intersection of Southwest Sixth Avenue and Jefferson Street, as Tri-Met bus attempts journey.



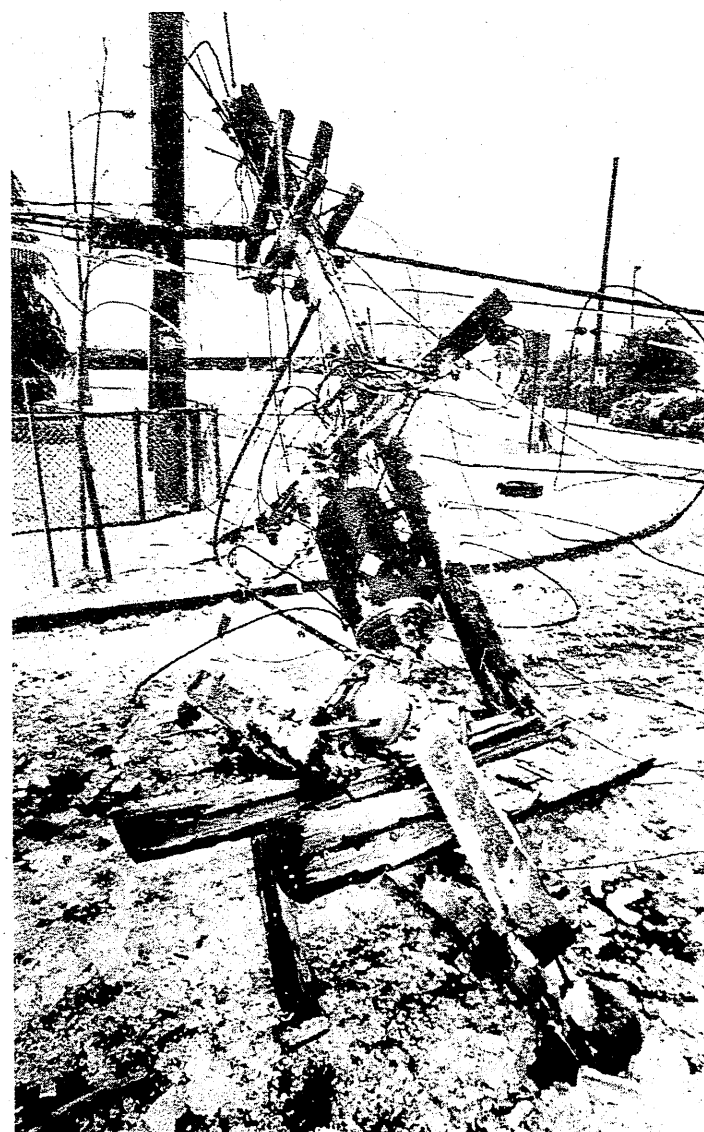
THE BENDS — Tree on the Portland mall bends under the weight of ice clinging to its branches while a pedestrian along Southwest Fifth Avenue bends to drink from a fountain with waters still flowing.



WINTER — Street lamp, shining through icy tree branches on Southwest Jefferson Street, broods a peaceful winter mood.



STROLL IN SNOW — Blocked street forces morning hike for solitary pedestrian on Southwest Montgomery Drive.

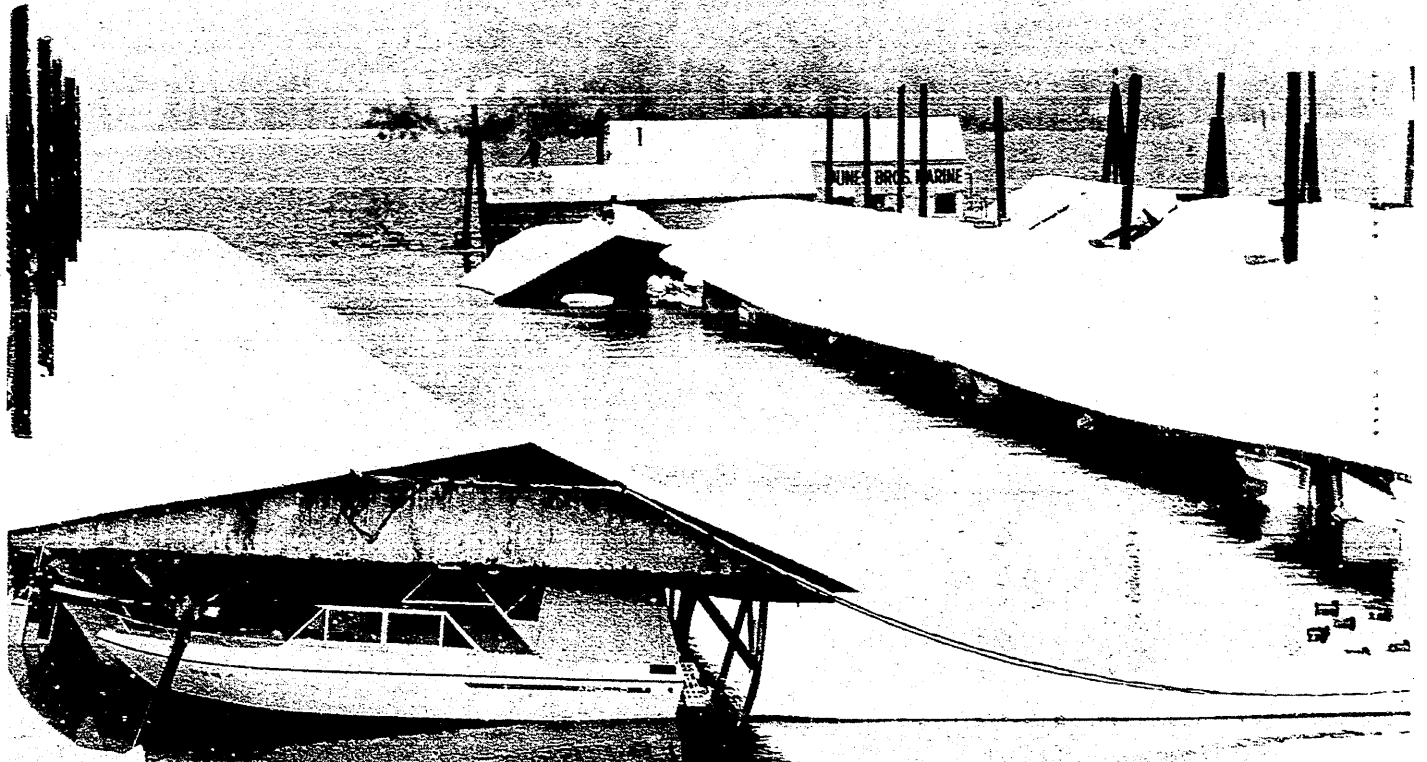


SHATTERED — An ice-topped power pole still blocks the Hillsdale Highway near Wilson High School late Wednesday afternoon.

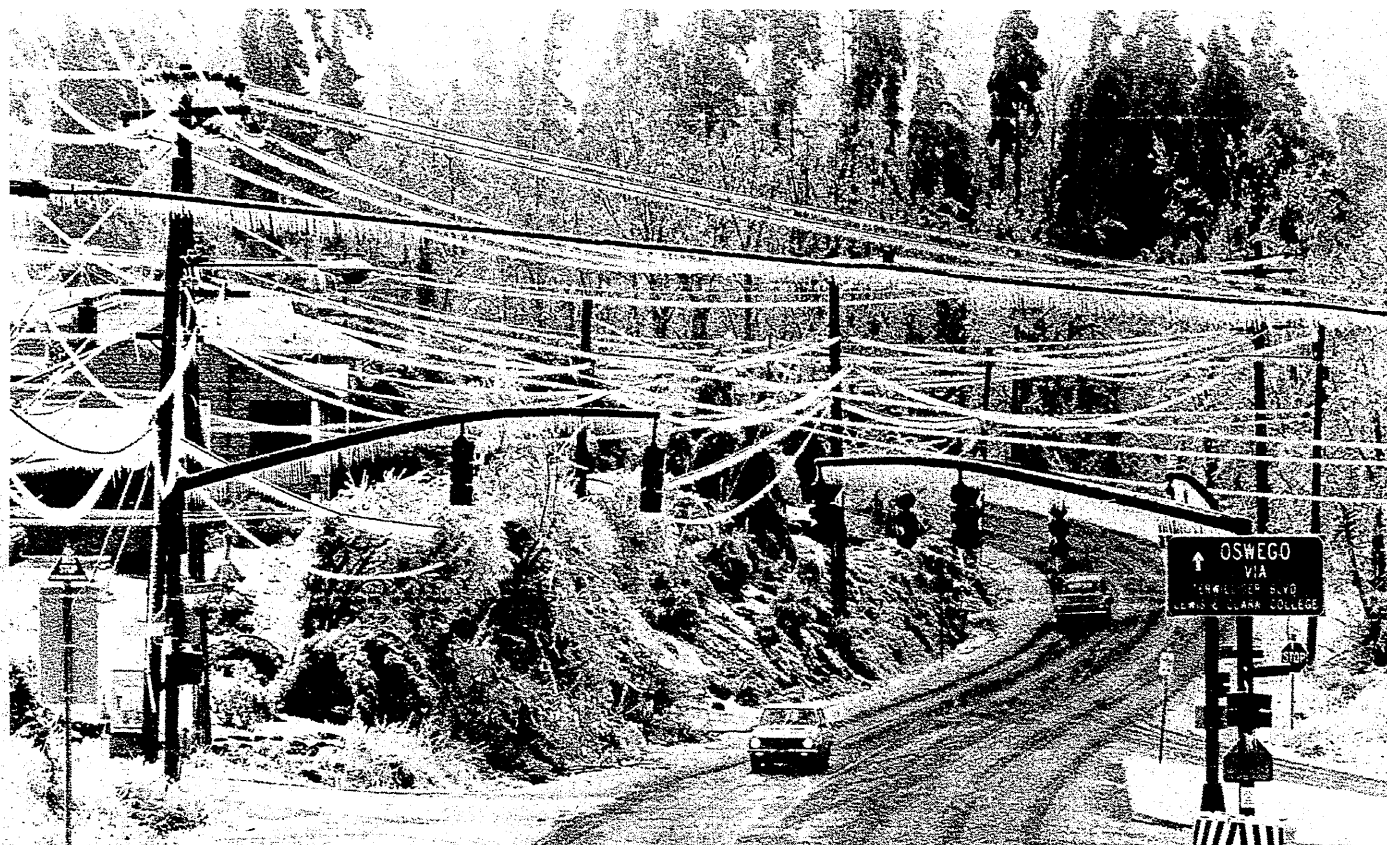
Crashing, sinking, grotesque beauty tell storm story



KER-SPLASH! — Melody Morasch (in sweater), 17, and sister Melissa, 22, view roof that collapsed into swimming pool at their home, 310 N.E. 139th Ave. The Merlin G. Morasch family was sleeping when the roof collapsed.



GOING UNDER — Covered moorage slips at Donaldson's Marina, 3501 N.E. Marine Drive, sinks under the weight of snow, trapping boats underneath, and causing between 20 and 30 of the vessels to sink.



LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL? — Iced wires, shrubs and trees at Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard and Boones Ferry Road offer grotesque winter beauty. Terwilliger, bearing cars, is a main route up Palatine Hill to Lewis and Clark College.



LINKSIDE WINTER — Cross-country skiers practice conditioning at Columbia-Edgewater Country Club, 2138 N.E. Marine Drive.



GRIMACING EFFORT — Jim Wiebe (foreground), 49, of 3830 N.E. 32nd Place, tries to free his mired car on Northeast Marine Drive. Helpers and onlookers were unidentified. Wiebe was trying to check on his boat at nearby moorage.



SAD SAWING — Trees suffer heavy damage again this year, and Dan Johnson, retired custodian of First Christian Church downtown, helps amputate limbs.

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BRUCE McCURTAIN,
and WES GUDERIAN

SILVER CRUST — Ice makes pleasing designs of trees, but is not appreciated by users of Oregon Highway 43, near Lake Oswego, which was closed to bike and auto traffic Wednesday morning.



Storm scars Park Blocks

The ice and snow storm Wednesday will leave new scars on the historic South Park Blocks, where at least two trees were felled and several others damaged by the freezing weather. Similar, but less severe, damage occurred in the January 1979 ice storm.

A large elm, laden with ice, was toppled at the north end of the Park Blocks at Southwest Park Avenue and Salmon Street. A few blocks south of there, another elm that had shaded the Portland Art Museum at Southwest Park Avenue and Jefferson Street, fell

onto the sidewalk and partially into the street, ripping up the sidewalk where its roots came out of the ground.

The South Park Blocks is one of the few areas of Portland that has resisted change for more than a century. Many of the trees standing today in the urban park were planted more than a century ago.

In 1852, Portland pioneer Daniel Lowndale dedicated the center strip of blocks to the city for public use. Shortly afterwards, many of the trees that continue to shade the park were planted,

Crippling ice storms year apart — to the day

Portlanders who felt a strange sense of déjà vu when they saw ice and snow outside their windows Wednesday morning weren't just imagining things.

It was Jan. 9, 1979, exactly one year before, when a crippling ice storm hit the city, stopping traffic, closing schools and businesses and causing power outages which lasted for days.

The 1979 storm coupled heavy rain with below-freezing weather, turning the rain into ice. Until temperatures rose about three days later, ice covered most of the city. It measured up to 2 inches thick in some places.

The ice caused electrical wires to arc and snap. Ice-laden trees toppled over and branches broke, often falling on power lines.

As a result, more than 75,000 homes were without electricity at peak times during the 1979 storm as power company crews worked overtime to repair the damage. Hundreds of homes remained

without power for a whole week. People cooked their meals over fireplaces and warmed themselves by donning more clothing.

At least five deaths were attributed to the 1979 ice storm. Telephone service was disrupted. The Portland International Airport was closed for a while because of the power outages. Radio and television stations went off the air temporarily. And schools were closed.

Portlanders who were surprised at this year's repeat of bad January weather should begin reading The Old Farmer's Almanac. By predicting this week's bad weather, that friend of the farmer proved it can be trusted, at least some of the time.

For Jan. 8-10 of this year, the almanac predicted "freezing rain and snow, cold." The rest of the month isn't going to be much better according to the almanac. "January will be colder than usual and have much greater-than-

usual snowfall, despite the total precipitation for the month being below average," it said.

So, if the almanac's chilling accuracy in predicting the storm this far has made you a believer, batten down the hatches and prepare for more of the same.

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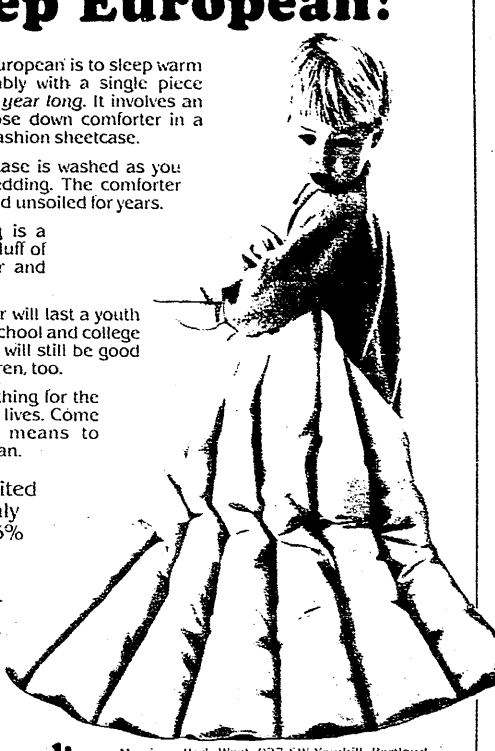
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Young monkeys show 'human' trait in snow

By RICHARD COLBY of The Oregonian staff

When the snow falls, young Japanese macaques in Oregon do what their human counterparts do: roll snowballs.

At the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center near Beaverton, snowball-rolling occurred again this week, as it has in the monkeys' corral every snowfall since at least 1971, when center scientist Gray Eaton and colleagues, with some astonishment, first noticed the practice.

This year, center behaviorist Kurt Modahl observed 13 snowballs rolled during Monday afternoon's snowstorm.

"They do it every year," Modahl said. "Usually, it's the younger juveniles and young adults, males and females."

The snowballs sometimes get up to 20 inches or greater in diameter. The monkeys then run around them, sit on them and perform monkey behavior "displays."

Eaton wrote a scientific paper on the practice after the first observed snowball was rolled by an adult male, Big X. The animal "was observed eating handfuls of snow," and some of the snow consolidated into a lump in Big X's hand. The animal placed the lump on the ground, rolling it back and forth with the macaques customary "scrubbing" motion.

"The snow started to pack and the lump grew bigger. As it became larger, Big X pushed it with his hands and walked bipedally (on his hind legs)," Eaton reported in the journal Primates.

"After it was a foot in diameter, he stopped and sat on top of it for a few minutes," Eaton reported. Failing to budge it after it became about 18 inches wide, he sat on it and rocked back and forth until it fell onto a rounded side.

Big X then continued pushing it across the corral for about 20 yards.

In the next snowfall about a month later, two snowballs were on the ground in the corral when researchers arrived about 7 a.m., Eaton reported.

Like human youngsters, the monkeys just appear to be rolling snowballs for the fun of it, Eaton said Wednesday.



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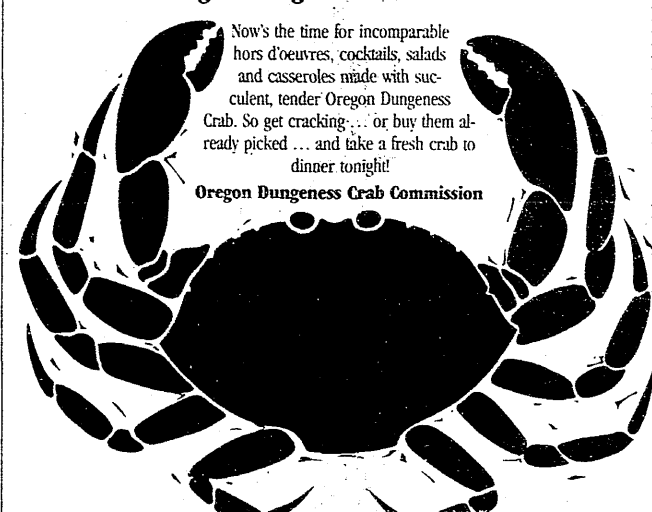
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Indira's mandate without mission

Indira Gandhi's landslide victory has given her a "mandate," but it is not clear that she has a mission, other than to react to events, trusting her now tarnished political instincts to see her through.

Her return to power need not mean a return to a dictatorship and "emergency rule" when her political opponents were jailed, the press censored, the habeas corpus suspended and other civil rights trampled for nearly 20 months.

It is possible she has been taught a lesson, but her supporters will demand more discipline from the bureaucracy, stern measures and jailing of some political opponents.

Her son, Sanjay, not yet out of hot water from a conviction and two-year sentence for stealing a government film that lampooned his mother, is expected to become India's second most powerful figure, having been elected for the first time as a member of the Parliament. It was his excessive zeal to control the birthrate and to beautify urban areas at the expense of the poor that helped bring about Indira's 1977 defeat.

So complete was the victory of the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru that she will enjoy a two-

thirds vote in Parliament and thus be able to amend the constitution. There may be no officially recognized opposition to her rule, since an opposition party must have 50 seats. Her opponents in the Janata Party received only 12 seats.

Her victory is the result of a campaign for law and order and a better economy. But it was a smashing vote against the disorganized efforts of the Janata Party, a feuding coalition of clashing elements, united only in opposition to Mrs. Gandhi.

The people of India have gambled political freedoms in return for a charismatic leader who promised to do something about inflation and a soaring crime rate, refuting for India any idea that those who govern least govern best.

It may prove small comfort to the West that her socialistic tendencies and friendship with the Soviet Union are mellowed by the capitalistic interests of her son. But there is no reason to believe India can feel any more comfortable about the invasion of Afghanistan than can the Iranians, who also have recently gathered behind a charismatic ruler easily addicted to monolithic power.

Promise of fusion

The layman's chief complaint about this nation's inability to solve the energy crisis goes something like this: If U.S. technology can put a man on the moon, why can't it produce a perpetual motion machine or some other infinite source of electric energy?

For more than 35 years, scientists have responded: "What you're looking for is nuclear fusion."

One of the leading fusion technology pioneers, Dr. Andrew M. Sessler of the University of California's Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, sees a breakthrough for nuclear fusion in this decade. At a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco, Sessler said most scientists in this field feel that a laboratory demonstration of scientific feasibility of nuclear fusion will occur by the mid-1980s.

Promises. Promises. The quest for fusion power has been the ultimate pipe dream of scientists since the 1940s — the unreachable brass ring on an energy merry-go-round. Fusing atoms — the reverse of the fission process that produces energy in nuclear power plants — is well understood and has the sun as its largest natural example and the hydrogen bomb as its man-made one.

The problem lies in recreating the physical conditions that must be achieved to ignite and sustain the fusion reactions. The source of the difficulty is the nuclear electric charge. Unless the colliding nuclei are moving toward each other with sufficiently high kinetic energy, they cannot overcome their mutual electrostatic repulsion in order to come close enough to fuse.

The missing variable for a successful fusion experiment is a combination of precisely the right high temperature and confinement time within a reactor vessel.

While there have been encouraging experiments within the past two years, the fusion riddle is one scientific problem in which U.S. technology sharing with Russia has been most productive. The Afghanistan crisis, then, and President Carter's strategy for dealing with it, is a major blow to development of fusion technology.

Considering that a working fusion plant would have a virtually inexhaustible fuel supply from deuterium in ocean water, and that the amount of primary fuel to meet the entire world's electric power generation by fusion is exceedingly small (15 gallons of water per second would do it), the fusion dream is, indeed, a Utopian cornerstone.

The perplexing question: Should world politics and emerging crises and tensions interfere with its development? The answer: Probably not. Yet, world leaders, including our own, rarely consider blue sky projects when black clouds hover over the horizon.



Price begins to rise for Moscow's 'victory'

By JAMES RESTON

WASHINGTON — President Carter's speech last Friday against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was a carefully balanced response, but it sounded tougher than it actually was. His proposed punishment won't fit the crime or repair the damage.

The Soviets can get high technology from other countries, they can fish in other waters, and there is no guarantee that they cannot obtain elsewhere the 17 million tons of grain denied them by the United States.

Even so, Moscow has been put on notice that it cannot use its power as it did in Angola, Ethiopia, Somalia and Yemen without arousing the opposition of the United States and provoking another round in the military arms race.

The president's decision to lift the embargo on arms for Pakistan and his express determination to defend U.S. vital interests in the oil-rich Middle East may have some practical value both in Afghanistan and Iran. It is very difficult to wipe out guerrilla fighters who have a safe haven across a friendly border, as the Afghans do in Pakistan. And the Soviets have been warned that any attempt to follow a policy of "hot pursuit" into Pakistan would produce a really serious confrontation with the United States.

The more important question, however, is Iran. The critical danger there is not the domination of the ayatollah, but the prospect that the Communists in Iran might inherit the wreckage, after his inevitable collapse, and establish in Tehran another government subservient to Moscow.

This is the clear and present danger Carter's warnings are intended to prevent, and the greatest of the ayatollah's stupidities is that he has failed to see that the real threat to the independence of Iran and its religious freedom is not the United States or the shah but, as has been true for over a century, his neighbor to the north.

It is important, however, not to exaggerate the Afghan tragedy. In his speech to the nation, Carter encouraged the notion that the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan was just the beginning of a much wider and more dangerous move to dominate the oil of the Middle East. "A Soviet-occupied Afghanistan threatens both Iran and Pakistan," he said, "and is a stepping-stone to possible control over much of the world's oil supplies."

... If the Soviets are encouraged in this invasion by eventual success, and if they maintain their dominance over Afghanistan and then extend their control to adjacent countries, the stable, strategic and peaceful balance of the entire world will be changed. This would threaten the security of all nations, including, of course, the United States, our allies and friends."

There are a lot of "ifs" in these words and, while anything is possible these days, it is not the considered view of this government that Moscow is actually engaged in a reckless rampage

to control the fuel and sea lanes around the Persian Gulf.

If Carter believed that, he would be calling not for limited embargoes on grain, fish and modern technology, but for a military draft and the mobilization of the nation. For he knows, as do the leaders in the Kremlin, that any serious military effort to take over the oil fields would threaten the security of the entire industrial world and lead inevitably to the third World War.

The more rational and generally accepted analysis here of the Soviet move is that Moscow feared the overthrow of a Marxist government in Kabul and its replacement by a militant Islamic regime that, with the kind of religious fervor now sweeping Iran, might infect and inflame the large Islamic population on the Soviet side of the Afghan and Iranian borders.

By this analysis, Moscow was demonstrating, as it did by the incorporation of the Baltic states and the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Hungary, that it is terrified of freedom and determined, even by the use of force and against all its treaty commitments, to ring itself with client states.

In the process, and not for the first time, Moscow has encouraged the very thing it fears the most — the hostility of the United States, a closer working relationship between Washington and Peking, a more expensive arms race that will reduce the living standards of its own people, and more than likely an invitation from several frightened Middle Eastern nations to open their naval and air bases to the Pentagon.

All this for the control of Afghanistan, which was no threat to the Soviet Union. No doubt the Soviets will withdraw from Kabul, leaving their stooges in control against a sullen populace, and then come forward with indecent haste, seeking a renewal of "detente," arms reduction and "most favored nation" trade.

But it will take a long time, as it did after their missile adventure in Cuba, to bring U.S.-Soviet relations back even to the low level of suspicious discourse that existed before the rape of Afghanistan. They have united this country against them, and they have educated Jimmy Carter, who is not a forgiving man.

If this analysis is correct, it is not general war over the oil fields we have to fear, but a more divided and dangerous world, with bigger defense budgets (now costing the nations over \$600 billion a year), more inflation, and less help for the poorest members of the human family. This is the larger tragedy of Afghanistan.

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Soviets wrong about Big Oil's nuclear role

What do Jane Fonda and Exxon have in common except high incomes? In the view of the Soviet Union, they are linked because opponents of nuclear power are only reflecting "the line followed by the oil companies."

Such naivete is not the expression of a scribbler in Pravda, but is the opinion of Anatoli Alexandrov, the president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. In failing to understand that Big Oil owns large segments of the nuclear industry, or the motives of a motion-picture actress turned militant, Alexandrov demonstrates the gap that makes Soviet-American relations difficult.

Had Alexandrov steered clear of visions of capitalistic intrigue and stuck to the facts, he would have looked much better. The facts are that the Soviet bloc countries are racing at flank speed to grab the world nuclear power markets while the Western nations are bogging themselves down over reactor safety issues raised by a minority of protesters. Big Oil is not guilty.

The Soviet Union has not taken the safety precautions common in American and European projects. In fact, a Soviet journalist was quoted recently in The Wall Street Journal as saying the Soviet Union would be in favor of nuclear power "even if the dangers were considerably more serious than, in fact, they are."

The Soviet Union, which hopes to catch up with U.S. nuclear energy production by the end of this decade, is the world's largest producer of oil and it has huge deposits of natural gas. Even

so, the Soviets have correctly calculated that it cannot get along without a large nuclear power generating industry, producing up to 25 percent of total energy needs by the end of the decade.

The single factor most favorable to Soviet nuclear expansion, according to Paul Josephson, an American who recently completed a study of Soviet nuclear power, is the fact "There is no major public dissent — they can go ahead" with their plans, ignoring, or crushing, all who complain.

This is not the way nuclear power should be expanded in the United States. Informed dissent and concern will make the system safer, perhaps even more efficient in the long term. And this can happen without Exxon making deals with movie stars or funding mass protest movements against the atom.

Winter follies

Why is it so many Willamette Valley urban folks waited until snowflakes fluttered outside their windows before they rushed to put on their snow tires or check their autos' antifreeze? The result was traffic congestion, fender bumping and delays in getting home.

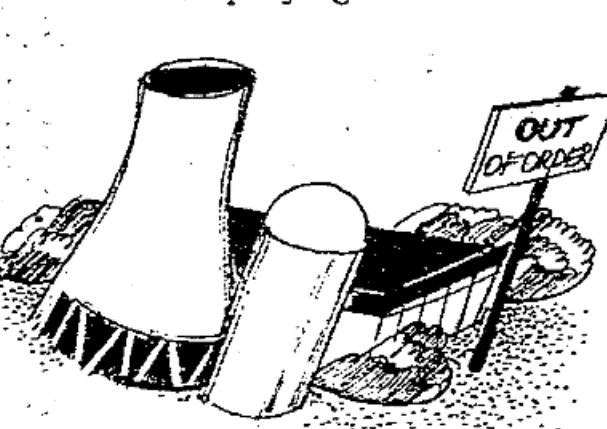
Oregon has added an estimated 468,000 residents since the 1970 census, a 22.6 percent growth pace. They can't all have come from sunny California.



PUD urged

To the Editor: You chided Eugene's publicly owned electric utility for being "fat and sassy" (Jan. 6). It faces no power shortages in the near future and therefore cannot be blackmailed into supporting the regional energy bill now before Congress.

An accompanying editorial mused



that the "public will be denied a chilling example" of how vital Trojan is to our power supply picture, since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has given interim operating approval for the nuclear facility.

On the same day, the coldest (up to that time) this winter, Trojan was forced to shut down because of a mechanical malfunction.

These items suggest what we in Portland should be doing to ensure our energy future. Portland already has the most forward-looking energy conservation program in the nation. Now, we need a responsible utility to match this with leadership in electrical generation.

Portland General Electric Co. has given us a large, centralized, unreliable thermal power plant (Trojan), which never seems to be operating when we need it. EWEB, on the other hand, is concentrating on the development of renewable energy resources — especially cogeneration, wind and geothermal.

The answer for Portland isn't the regional energy bill, which will eliminate local control over energy decisions. It is the formation of a people's utility district, which will allow us to tap into the federal hydroelectric system, and which will keep us responsible, on the local level, for our energy future.

With a PUD in Portland and Multnomah County, some day soon we'll too,

may have the luxury of being fat, sassy and warm.

RICK BAUMAN,
State Representative,
5527 S.E. 54th Ave.

Let's take Cuba

To the Editor: Let's counteract Russia's sacking of Afghanistan, with eyes on Pakistan, Iran and the Persian Gulf.

I suggest the United States take over Cuba, lock, stock and barrel in the cause of protecting our national security. (We could claim) that we were invited and that we are reuniting families that have been torn asunder by communism. Do we need a reason?

Distance — no problem. We hit them with paratroopers, Marines and the Navy. We could, within 48 hours, have 200,000 troops, well equipped, on Cuban soil. The Communist threat in Cuba would be eliminated, and Cuban troops in Angola, etc., would be stranded. It would cool parts of South America.

This would be no Vietnam affair, and hopefully would not be too costly if we swarmed Cuba in one big swoop.

What would Russia's reaction to this incursion be?

TOM CARTER,
6205 Short St.,
Bay City.

Cheer home team

To the Editor: A picture in The Oregonian (Dec. 28) showed a student of the University of Oregon cheering the University of Idaho in its game against Oregon State University. He apparently was helped by two more students who had their hands funneled over their mouths. I felt this was a mistake in loyalty.

If an Oregon team were playing one from Washington or California, I would root for the home state.

At least, the University of Oregon men's cheering was in vain, as OSU clobbered Idaho 100 to 59.

T. J. STARKER,
534 S.W. 54th St.,
Corvallis.

Subway pluses

To the Editor: "Too many tunnels" (Dec. 31) noted why Ray Polani of Citizens for Better Transit wants the downtown portion of Portland's light-rail transit line below street level. The idea makes sense, and for more reasons than those mentioned.

Tri-Met could take greater numbers of passengers to and from the city center (in this way). Vehicular traffic on Morrison Street would be relieved. The street's appearance wouldn't be changed by overhead wires. People by the hundreds could wait for the trolley cars without worry about getting wet from rain.

North America's newest light-rail corridor in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is definitely a model for us to copy. The part of it going through Edmonton's central business district is a subway.

EDNA A. KIRBY,
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Needless nuisance

To the Editor: Clackamas County commissioners have set a hearing on the proposal to rename Truman Road, in Zigzag and Brightwood, after the Barlow Trail. Apparently, the idea is to commemorate the pioneer path of Samuel Barlow across the Cascade wilderness.

I challenge the validity of this scheme because it creates a needless nuisance to thousands of residents of the mountain communities, plus postal, fire, rescue and other services. Moreover, it is inappropriate to the purpose.

The change compounds one error upon another, since Truman Road of 1980 does not even closely coincide with the Barlow Trail, and this road has been so named — right or wrong — for 165 years.

In truth, the Barlow Trail followed a variety of paths over several decades. To trace the original today would be quite hopeless, even if useful, and would cover a route not just a few miles close to Truman Road, but a great distance, reaching from The Dalles to Oregon City.

I wonder what it would prove. To rename Truman Road would do paltry

honor to Barlow's prodigious deeds. A far more appropriate honor should be undertaken so that all of us may share in this important element of history.

JOSEPH A. STEIN,
Star Route, Truman Road,
Zigzag,
Rhododendron.

Nature of school

To the Editor: Your editorial chiding the pope for "interfering in the internal affairs of a state university" (Dec. 31, 1979), is obviously based on a misunderstanding of the nature of the particular university (Tubingen) in question.

Although Tubingen is a German state university, there is a faculty of Roman Catholic theology which is an integral part of the university, and which grants degrees recognized as canonical by the Roman Catholic Church. Members of this Roman Catholic theological faculty must have the approval of the Roman Catholic Church in order to teach in the name of the church.

Professor Hans Kung was given the "nihil obstat" — the commission to serve on the Pontifical Faculty of Theology of the University of Tubingen — 19 years ago when he was first called to that faculty. He has been involved in controversy about his teachings for the past 10 years. Finally, on Dec. 15, 1979, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith affirmed that Professor Hans Kung has "departed from the integral truth of Catholic faith, and, therefore, he can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian nor function as such in a teaching role."

As a result of this decision of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Bishop Georg Moser (of Rottenburg-Stuttgart) revoked, effective immediately, the commission he had been given to serve as a member of the Roman Catholic faculty of theology at the University of Tubingen.

Such an action is wholly within the rights, competency and responsibility of the Roman Catholic Church authorities.

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Freezing rain predicted for Northwest

By STEVE ERICKSON
of The Oregonian staff

Winter's icy stranglehold on Northwest Oregon, already responsible for five deaths, was expected to continue Friday with a new freezing rainstorm.

The National Weather Service said a Pacific storm moving across the state probably would be met by a return of easterly winds, bringing colder air to interior valleys of Western Oregon, the Portland metropolitan area and the west end of the Columbia River Gorge.

The weather system also was expected to cause heavy snowfall in the mountains and some heavy rain in Southern Oregon, the weather service said.

A state of emergency was declared Thursday by Gov. Vic Atiyeh in Multnomah and Hood River counties, after the governor met with county officials

to discuss the continuing ice and snow storm that struck the area late Monday.

The declaration of emergency did not provide additional state assistance to the counties but could make them eligible for future federal disaster assistance, Atiyeh press aide Denny Miles said, adding that other counties might be declared emergency areas later.

In response to Atiyeh's declaration, Verne Duncan, state superintendent of public instruction, authorized schools in the two counties to serve free meals to emergency victims.

Virtually all Portland-area schools were closed Thursday, and several were operating emergency shelters for local residents without electricity.

Most recent storm-related deaths were those of a Parkdale (Hood River County) man who collapsed while

al special stops Wednesday to pick up stranded motorists, and planned to pick up more than 100 passengers in Cascade Locks on Thursday. Other special stops were expected at Warrendale and Bonneville.

Oregon 35 between Government Camp and Hood River, which had been closed, reopened Thursday, as did U.S. 20 over Santiam Pass, although it was described as nearly impassable.

Marina operators along both sides of the Columbia continued efforts Thursday to save an estimated 500 small boats trapped in boathouses sunk or

overturned by the weight of snow accumulated on roofs. The Coast Guard estimated that 108 small boats had been sunk, but marina operators Thursday were still trying to dig out and had no estimate of the extent of damage.

At Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood, 85 guests and about 40 employees remained snowbound for the third day Thursday, said lodge employee Becky Wagner, adding: "Things are running pretty smooth, considering. Everybody's doing OK."

She said there was a 145-inch snow accumulation and it was "still snowing

fairly hard" Thursday night.

At Portland International Airport, where ice and snow had caused interruptions of runway and flight service, business manager Steve Twohey said Thursday night, "It looks like conditions are improving a great deal."

He said all airlines were operating and probably would continue to operate Friday. The airport's south runway has been kept open, and Twohey said work would begin late Thursday on the north runway, which would be opened by Friday morning. The cross-wind runway

also was expected to be opened Friday, he said.

The Weather Service said freezing rain Friday morning in the Portland area would change to rain in the afternoon and to showers of rain Friday night and Saturday. High temperatures were pegged for the mid-30s Friday and the mid-40s Saturday, and overnight lows Friday night for the mid-30s.

In Portland, a class in the High Adventure Seminar for Young Adults was canceled because of ice and snow Thursday night. The class was in snowshoeing.



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HIGHWAY BLOCKED — Map locates Doshi and Khenjan, on the Salang Highway (double line). Afghan sources reported that the highway was blocked Thursday by fighting near bridges at those two sites.

Guerrillas close road to Russians

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Diplomatic sources reported the Soviet Union has moved additional men and armor into Afghanistan, but Moslem guerrillas were said Thursday to have closed a strategic highway linking Russia with the capital city.

There also were reports that an Afghan army brigade fought with Soviet troops in Kandahar, in southwestern Afghanistan, and both sides suffered heavy casualties.

The reports could not be confirmed independently.

Afghanistan's new pro-Soviet government broadcast a letter to President Carter accusing the United States of "trying with all its force to work against us."

The official Soviet news agency Tass said in a dispatch from Kabul that an American Roman Catholic mission here had been functioning as an "underground center" for recruiting "counter-revolutionary agents" to circulate "subversive literature." Tass claimed the mission was part of the American cultural center run by the U.S. Embassy.

Afghanistan, a poor mountainous country whose people are overwhelmingly Moslem, is surrounded by Pakistan to the south and east, Iran to the west, and the Soviet Union to the north. It has a tiny border with China in its northeastern corner.

Historically, Afghanistan has been non-aligned. But three pro-Soviet Marxist governments have ruled the country in the past 20 months, prompting Moslem rebels to declare "holy war" against the atheistic regimes. Some observers speculate the government's inability to halt the rebellion prompted the Soviet intervention that began Christmas week.

Afghan sources and Asian diplomats in Kabul, quoting Afghan military officials and travelers just returned from the area, said the Salang Highway was blocked Tuesday by fighting near the Doshi and Khenjan bridges, about 90 miles north of Kabul.

The sources also said the Soviets poured three more divisions into Afghanistan this week, bringing to seven the number moved in during the past two weeks.

Heavy military traffic also was heading south into Afghanistan from the Soviet cities of Torgundi, in the Turkoman Republic, and Termez, in the Uzbek Republic, according to diplomatic sources. They also reported fighting in Nangahar province, east of Kabul, and said Russian troops had attacked rebel units near Saidabad, about 50 miles southwest of the capital in Wardak Province.

The Associated Press of Pakistan, a Pakistani news agency, reported from the border city of Chaman that Afghan army troops and Soviet troops engaged in an "armed and bloody encounter" resulting in heavy casualties on both sides after the Afghan brigade revolted in Kandahar.

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plowing snow with a tractor, and of a 24-year-old Bothell, Wash., man whose sled was trapped beneath a moving automobile and dragged more than 500 feet.

Utility damage and outages resulting from the storm have surpassed devastation from last year's infamous January ice storm, officials said Thursday.

Telephone outages, which totaled 23,000 during the 1979 storm, peaked at 27,000 Wednesday and remained at 25,500 on Thursday, said Dave Underhill of Pacific Northwest Bell.

"Based upon experience, (we're) looking at two weeks for complete restoration," he said.

At Portland General Electric Co., outage figures also compared unfavorably with those from last January. Company spokesman Bruce Landrey said the 150,000 customers without power Wednesday represented 25,000 more than the 1979 maximum figure.

But Landrey said all but 51,000 customers had their service restored by Thursday.

About 1,500 Pacific Power & Light Co. customers in Northeast Portland also remained without power Thursday. Both power companies said it would take several days to achieve total restoration.

Malcolm Bauer, a southwest Multnomah County resident living between Portland and Lake Oswego in the Tryon Creek State Park area, said damage there appeared to be more extensive than during the January 1979 storm, with at least one power pole and "a lot of trees down all over the place." He said the ice coating on some trees was thicker than the depth of snow on the ground.

Plows began work Thursday on Interstate 80N, which was closed by ice and snow on Wednesday, with traffic blocked in both directions from the east Portland suburbs to Hood River. Washington 14 on the north side of the Columbia River also was closed, leaving Amtrak's Pioneer train the only public transportation available through the gorge.

The train, which has had standing room only during the crisis, made sever-



TOUCH OF REASSURANCE — Nursing student volunteer Angie Weinand provides comfort to Louis Chyles after he and others from a retirement

home arrived Thursday afternoon at Red Cross storm shelter at Fremont Junior High School. Story on Page B1.

Criminals idle, but law officers on run

By ALAN K. OTA
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Criminals continued an extended winter holiday Thursday in Portland, but law enforcement agencies in the area had little rest as they hustled to keep up with an assortment of weather woes afflicting residents.

Law enforcement agency officials reported that criminal activity, particularly in the area of common burglary and theft, has been below normal since the onset of heavy snows Monday.

"Most of the criminals don't have Yukon training," said Multnomah County sheriff's spokesman Bart Whalen. "If this lasted three weeks, they would probably get Yukon training, but they're stuck like everybody else."

But if Klondike Bill wasn't on the loose in Portland this week, law officers weren't taking any chances.

In Gresham, policemen patrolled snow-bound side streets in the commercial area with two rented snowmobiles to discourage "smash-and-grab" break-ins and assist snow-trapped citizens. In the Bridal Veil area, Multnomah County Deputy Ed Owen walked his beat in

snowshoes.

And in St. Helens, Columbia County sheriff's deputies ad-libbed Arctic rescue procedures in more than 20 inches of snow and drifts over 3 feet.

Thursday night, Capt. Bruce Oester and Deputy Scotty Davidson traveled seven miles in an old, converted Air Force pickup to transport a pregnant woman, Sally Ann Navarro, 18, from her rural residence to be near a hospital when her baby arrives. Over the last quarter mile on an isolated gravel road, the two put the pickup in reverse and rammed backward through the high mounds of snow.

"We'd hit it, go forward, and then hit it again," Oester said.

In some outlying areas, law enforcement agencies curtailed regular street patrols because of high snow and deep ruts. In Gresham, Police Chief Kent Reesor said four patrol cars were disabled when their transmissions were damaged by thick snow on road surfaces.

Police radios kept up a litany of calls for assistance — to fix downed power lines, to rescue the elderly and disabled and to find roving gangs of snowball assailants.

Sgt. Harry Boggs of the Portland police burglary detail attributed the slowdown in burglaries and common crime to "a lot of folks staying home" and crooks "trying to stay warm."

But for the FBI, it was business as usual Thursday as the surge in Portland bank robberies continued.

A gunman displaying a silver-handled handgun took an undetermined amount of cash from the First National Bank of Oregon, 6920 N. Lombard St., at about 10:48 a.m.

Later in the day, agents arrested Frederick Graham Doyle, 21, address unavailable, at a North Portland apartment on an accusation of robbing the U.S. National Bank, 1200 S.W. Morrison St., Wednesday morning. Police reported that in that robbery a ski-masked gunman took \$1,061 after giving a teller a note that said, "Give me all your money or you die."

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U.N. assembly meets on Afghan emergency

By JOHN BAUSMAN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly met Thursday to consider the situation in Afghanistan in an emergency session that the Afghan foreign minister called a relic of the "dark days of the Cold War."

Third World countries were expected in the next few days to offer a resolution calling for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan. The Soviet Union, which has poured up to 100,000 troops into Afghanistan in the past two weeks, vetoed a similar Security Council resolution Monday.

The action of the 152-nation General Assembly was not expected to have a practical effect on the situation in Afghanistan, the mountainous landlocked country at the Soviet Union's southern border where Moslem rebels have been waging a "holy war" against a succession of pro-Soviet governments for the past 20 months. The General Assembly's decisions, which are not subject to veto, also are not binding.

Shah Mohammad Dost, representing the Afghan government installed Dec. 27 after a Soviet-led coup, opened Thursday's debate by reiterating his government's claim that it requested Soviet military aid to defend against

attacks by "imperialist and reactionary circles."

"The so-called situation in Afghanistan is entirely an internal matter and poses no threat to peace in the world," he said.

He noted that the assembly's decision to take up the matter was provided for under terms of the United for Peace Resolution passed in 1950 — and thus, he said, "dating from the dark days of the Cold War." The resolution provided for the General Assembly to meet in emergency session when the Security Council is prevented by veto from acting to preserve or restore peace.

Japanese Ambassador Masahiro Ni-sibori, who followed the Afghan representative, said: "The present crisis bears tremendous political implications, jeopardizing international peace and security and threatening the stability of the region. The Soviet actions in Afghanistan contravene international law and justice, and we find the use of force in these actions particularly deplorable."

"The government of Japan steadfastly maintains the position that the Soviet Union must cease its intervention and withdraw its troops immediately, and that the people of Afghanistan must be permitted to solve their internal problems by themselves."

George Meany, 'Mr. Labor,' dies

By OWEN ULLMANN

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Meany, the gruff-talking one-time plumber who rose to become the most powerful force in the American labor movement, died Thursday. He was 85.

Meany stepped down in November after 24 years as the only president the AFL-CIO had known.

Meany, who had been confined to a wheelchair since last May, was readmitted to George Washington Hospital on Sunday for treatment of a painful buildup of fluid in his legs.

AFL-CIO spokesman Albert Zack said Meany's condition had worsened Thursday afternoon when he suffered a sudden drop in blood pressure and was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit.

He died at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, Zack said. Death was attributed to cardiac arrest.

Meany's health had deteriorated rapidly in 1979, perhaps hastened by his wife's death in March. Friends said the loss of the woman to whom he had been married for 59 years dampened his spirit and his determination to recover.

Shortly after her death, he suffered a knee injury that prompted a flare-up of his arthritic hip. He was left gaunt, pale and confined to a wheelchair.

It was from that wheelchair that Meany bade a tearful farewell to the 14-million-member labor federation in November at the AFL-CIO's annual convention.

Meany was "Mr. Labor," keeping an iron grip on the organization he forged by bringing together the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations in 1955.

Under Democratic and Republican presidents alike, he became as much a political power broker as a labor leader. And he could never be taken for granted.



GEORGE MEANY

Although he led the AFL-CIO to a strong endorsement of Jimmy Carter during Carter's campaign against Gerald R. Ford in 1976, Meany soon emerged as one of the new president's most persistent and harshest critics.

Meany was succeeded as head of the AFL-CIO by Lane Kirkland, his protégé and handicapped successor.

Meany's final speech had been delivered in the same Bronx-accented voice and with the same stern grimace that were his trademarks.

Although unemotional until the very end of the speech, he finally could not restrain the tears. Twice his voice choked, and with difficulty he told the convention:

"To God go my prayers . . . of thanks for granting me more than one man's share of happiness and rewards, and prayers for his continued blessing on this nation and on this movement and on each of you."

Many of the delegates wept with Meany. He tried to gavel the convention to order, but the delegates refused to give Meany his way.

Until the year he retired, he had put in a five-day work week, being driven each morning by a chauffeur from his suburban home to the AFL-CIO's marble headquarters one block from the White House.

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Damage to utilities worse than last winter's ice storm

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Electric and telephone utility officials said Thursday that damage from the storm has surpassed that caused by last year's crippling ice storm.

Spokesmen for the Portland-area utilities said it may be several days before all phones and lights are restored.

Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. spokesman Dave Underhill said last year's storm caused an estimated 23,000 of the firm's customers to lose service. This year, the telephone outages reached a peak of 27,000 Wednesday and hovered at about 25,500 Thursday, he said.

Portland General Electric Co.

spokesman Bruce Landrey said about 51,000 customers still were without power Thursday. Landrey said warming weather caused about 8,000 additional outages when ice fell from power lines, causing them to spring back and snap.

"It's actually pretty good news though," Landrey said, "because the lines we're putting up now will probably stay up."

Last year's storm interrupted service to about 125,000 of the utility's customers, Landrey said. More than 150,000 were without service Wednesday.

The company has about 400,000 customers in areas hit by the storm. Pacific Power & Light Co., mean-

while, was toiling Thursday to get about 1,500 customers back on line in its Northeast Portland service area. Crews were concentrated in the Hollywood District and in the Madison High School area, said Dolores Chenoweth, spokeswoman for the firm.

PP&L serves about 60,000 customers in Northeast Portland.

Restoration of telephone service was waiting for repair of electric lines in parts of the tri-county area, spokesmen for General Telephone and Pacific Northwest Bell said, because of the need for telephone and electric crews to coordinate their activities.

Doug Ward, spokesman for General Telephone, said about 200 people were without service in the Gresham area Thursday. The Orient area was particu-

larly hard-hit. The company closed its Gresham business office in order to put more people to work in the field, he said.

Ward requested customers to limit calls to essential communications and also requested them to reduce the time of calls. With schools out and people home from work, the volume of connections in the central office is "tremendous," he said.

Utility spokesmen warned the public to stay clear of lines heavily burdened with ice. As the ice thaws, chunks will fall, tree limbs will continue to snap and more outages will occur, they said.

Landrey said PGE requested all customers without power to turn off elec-

tric furnaces and water heaters at the circuit breakers to lessen the chances of power surges when electricity is restored, thus preventing damage to appliances and utility equipment.

All other appliances also should be turned off, Landrey said. But the company requested that customers leave one light inside the house and the porch light on so that line crews can tell whether the dwelling is receiving power.

Landrey said some crews had worked 30-hour shifts Wednesday and Thursday and fresh crews were being assigned 18-hour shifts.

"The work is going better this year than last because everyone is better prepared — our crews, government and the people," he said.

Federal agencies that measure snowpacks have not assessed the impact of the latest storm, said Gene Tollefson, spokesman for Bonneville Power Administration.

However, earlier projections indicated precipitation would leave spring runoff on the Columbia River at about 80 percent of the 50-year average, he said. The agency still is planning to withhold service from privately owned utilities in the region until April, when some surplus generation might become available, Tollefson added.

He explained, however, that the projections are subject to change, depending on weather, and the latest storm could lessen the region's power shortage.

Atiyeh declares emergency state

SALEM — Gov. Vic Atiyeh declared a state of emergency in Multnomah and Hood River counties Thursday after conferring with county officials on problems caused by the continuing ice and snow storm that has nearly paralyzed Northwest Oregon.

Clackamas and Wasco counties may be included later if local officials make a request, said Denny Miles, the governor's spokesman.

Miles cautioned that the emergency declaration does not improve the state's ability to offer assistance to local governments. He said the declaration allows state expenditures to be kept separately from the regular budgets of the agencies involved. Also, should there be a question of federal disaster assistance because of extensive damages, he said, the governor would have had to have made an emergency declaration for the areas to be eligible.

Prior to the declaration order, Miles said the state had received few requests for aid from local officials. "That doesn't mean there isn't a serious emergency out there," he said, but perhaps "the counties — through the experience of last year — are doing a better job of handling it."

On Wednesday the state received a request for a portable generator, but none was available with the power desired, Miles said. "There's only so much we can do," he said. "The county and state can't get someone's power line put back up."

He said request for aid must come from local officials and be channeled through the state's Emergency Services Division.

As a matter of course, Miles said, the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Police have been the state agencies providing the most help in managing the storm. The Highway Division has sent equipment out into the areas to clear up and open roads, he said.

The National Guard has responded to a number of requests for emergency assistance, said Guard spokeswoman 1st Lt. Maureen Gruchalla. The Guard armories in Hood River and The Dalles are staffed and open as shelters, she said. A Guard crew has been sent to the Hood River Care Center to remove threatening snow from the roof, she added.

Six guardsmen and a 2 1/2-ton cargo truck have been assigned to the Gresham area to help with emergency transportation, she said. Two guardsmen with a generator also have been sent to help the Lusted Water District in the Gresham area keep service going for about 1,100 families, she added.

Ms. Gruchalla said the Guard is operating a light plant and is providing a 2,250 BTU space heater at the Kinwood Community Center on Southeast 80th Avenue. Some 70 families are housed at

the center, she said.

The guard also provided transportation for a large snow-moving vehicle on loan to the Woodland Fire Department near Wemme in Clackamas County by the State Forestry Department, she said.

In a related development, the Oregon Department of Commerce's Building Codes Division warned Columbia Gorge and East Multnomah County residents to check the accumulation of snow on roofs. Of special concern are large roofs, such as those on supermarkets, bowling alleys and warehouses, the division said.

Snow accumulation seems to be approaching building code limits in the areas, the division said. The code in Multnomah County requires that buildings be able to hold from 3 to 5 feet of snow and from 6 to 10 feet in Hood River County below the 500-foot elevation. Higher elevations require stronger roofs, the division said.



WINTER WALK — Pedestrian cautiously makes his way past Lownsdale Square, bounded by Southwest Third and Fourth avenues, and Main and

Salmon streets. Few tracks penetrate the normally well-traveled park as storm kept tight grip on Portland area Thursday.

Staff photo by DALE SWANSON

Storm shelter offers warmth

By **JOHN GUERNSEY**
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In the corner of one room at Fremont Junior High School a young nursing student, Angie Weinand, stroked the old man's head, spoon-fed him broth and assured him that he was warming up and the chill would pass.

Louis Chyles had just arrived at the Red Cross storm shelter in the school at 11800 N.E. Shaver St. with 11 other older persons from a retirement home where the power had failed.

In another corner of the shelter, Patricia Hamilton rested on a cot while her four children played with other youngsters. The Hamiltons, whose nearby home was without lights and heat, spent Wednesday night in the shelter with about 140 other refugees from the snow and ice storm.

"It got a little cold in here last night, but we certainly appreciate being able to stay here until we get power back in our home. Having other kids to play with makes the uprooting from our home easier for the kids," Mrs. Hamilton said.

Shelter director David Dikty hustled up more blankets and cots as a busload of 35 persons arrived from Zigzag to spend Thursday night — and maybe a few more nights.

"I expect there will be more than 200 people sleeping here Thursday night, and if there's more we'll take care of more. We'll just put up as many cots as we have to, and get the food and blankets we need," Dikty said while helping an elderly woman to the big coffeepot in the cafeteria.

Hazel Stone sat in her wheelchair at a cafeteria table and worked diligently

at her crossword puzzle.

"They had to bring my daughter and grandchildren and me here because it got too cold in our home," Mrs. Stone said. "They were very nice and came and got us this morning. It's warm in here and I stay busy."

She started another crossword puzzle, adding that she has a total of 59 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "That's quite a nice little family, don't you think?" she asked.

Shelter nursing director Fred Troutman, who teaches at the Walla Walla, Wash., College of Nursing when not volunteering for the Red Cross, was busy giving some people aspirin and assuring others they had not broken their legs when they fell on the ice.

In addition to bedding down and feeding those who needed it, Troutman said nursing personnel dealt with about 50 medical cases Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

"Some had fallen, some need help in taking their medications, and we sent

others to hospitals for the treatment they required. I think one man may have had a broken hip," Troutman said.

He helped more people with their problems, and then spread a blanket of praise over members of four-wheel-drive clubs and individuals in their four-wheel-drive vehicles.

"Those people with the four-wheel rigs have been wonderful, going out and getting the people and bringing them here," Troutman said.

One elderly woman who arrived at the shelter even brought along her pet bird. Lodging was provided for it.

The Parkrose School District is providing some of the food and the Red Cross is providing the rest.

The call went out for more cots, blankets and hot coffee and tea. A dozen residents from a center for the deaf had arrived because their building had lost its heating and lighting.

"Coming right up," Dikty said as he hustled down the hall.

Snow, ice put skids to Tri-Met schedules

By **PATTY MANTIA**
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Snow and ice made most Tri-Met bus schedules irregular all day Thursday, and conditions could go from bad to worse if freezing rain makes the roads even more hazardous.

Pam Dunham, Tri-Met's public affairs manager, said if weather predictions calling for freezing rain by Friday prove true, conditions on the bus lines "will be at least as gloomy, if not gloomier, than they have been so far."

Road conditions in East Multnomah County on Thursday forced Tri-Met to halt many eastbound bus lines in downtown Gresham. However, the No. 9 bus was going all the way to Hogan Road and the No. 18 bus was traveling to Troutdale, Ms. Dunham said.

"Gresham has been the worst problem we've had all day. We've had buses stuck out there," she said.

Many Tri-Met lines were on special snow routes and Ms. Dunham said schedules were, at best, "very irregular." On the west side of Portland, however, most bus detours were minor because road conditions were relatively good.

"There are still detours that are not predictable, but not as many as yesterday," Ms. Dunham said.

Tri-Met officials said the agency was responding to the snow storm better Thursday than Wednesday.

"Yesterday at this time, I had two pages of buses in some kind of distress. Today, we have one page. Nobody knows how long this will last. Nobody is making any kind of optimistic predictions at all," Ms. Dunham said.

The agency was operating two bus routes Thursday — to Vancouver and to North Shore-Tualatin — that it abandoned Wednesday.

"We still have a serious problem in our operations center at 96th and Powell," said Tri-Met operations manager Jim Cowen. "We've not had power out there. We have employees working with no heat and no lights, and had to send a generator out there to pump fuel for the buses."

Ms. Dunham said workers at the operations center were chaining up buses by lantern light. Their work was compounded by the fact that icy roads were breaking some bus tire chains. Some areas at operations center were lighted by fluorescent lights wired to bus batteries.

Three kerosene lanterns illuminated the drivers' waiting room at the Powell operations garage Thursday, which half of Tri-Met's fleet calls home.

"Our driver sick list is pretty long today," one employee joked.

However, most Tri-Met employees were responding well to the abnormal work conditions caused by the weather. Ms. Dunham said some employees at the Tri-Met information center on Southeast 17th Avenue slept over Thursday night on cots brought in for them.

"The drivers are performing very well under very difficult conditions," Ms. Dunham said. "I really think this community should be proud of the bus drivers and the maintenance people as well."

Tri-Met officials continued to discourage travel Thursday and urged those who were commuting to do so outside the normal rush hours in the morning and evening. Officials urged riders to catch buses on main streets, as some buses were not traveling on snow-packed side streets.

Sno' foolin', people often get flaky in storm

Things get kind of funny in the ice and snow. The day before the storms hit, it is 20 degrees or little more — and people dress more or less normally: scarves, collars up instead of down, the usual small accommodations arrived at out of common sense.

Let it snow that night, however, and the next day, while the low might be 30 degrees or warmer, human beings take on bulky, moth-eaten sweaters they haven't worn for a year (to the day, in this case), innumerable layers of other clothing, and funny hats — especially the funny hats.

That's the way it was this week, just as that's the way it was a year ago this week.

Other activities change shape as well, once the flakes start drifting down and into the driveway, locking the car into place.

Panhandling took on a slightly different tone, for instance, and with a reasonable degree of success.

One young woman hitting up the waiting throng at a downtown bus stop one day this week relied on the old line: "Can you spare some change for a cup of coffee?"

Maybe I haven't been listening in recent years, but it seems they don't usually bother with "for a cup of coffee" anymore. They don't usually add anything to the basic plea for a small grant-in-aid, probably in the belief — a correct one, to be sure — that those they stop won't believe it anyway.

Whatever the reasoning behind the phrasing, it worked. Who could refuse a cup of coffee in a snow storm? She walked off 51 cents to the better, and approached the rest of the would-be bus riders who didn't turn away first or weren't annoyed just yet at



Dan Hortsch

the delay in their bus's arrival.

That was one day this week. The next saw another change in approach by another panhandler.

This one boarded the bus first, headed for West Burnside Street. On the way, he tapped those who were willing to cooperate for "change so that I can buy a hamburger over there." He gestured in the general direction of West Burnside, where several fast-food providers feed the masses.

Outside the freezing rain made the plastic warmth of a prole food center and a hamburger sound pretty good. At least a couple who listened dug for some change. He thanked his benefactors and departed the bus near Burnside.

Maybe he had a date with the woman in the same line of work. I'll buy the burgers if you'll get the coffee.

Little ironies present themselves in such weather as we have had.

One set of parents, seeing their kids home without a school to go to, and a certain amount of leisure time, figured it was time that the youngsters go to work

scraping off the artificial snow designs they had sprayed on the windows before Christmas.

Looking out at the legitimate snow through a Santa Claus and dozens of stars and trees and greetings of the season now past, the pair scraped away at the well-dried spray, making little snow flurries inside the house. Forecast: Continued showers interrupted by periods of outdoor romps. Drifts up to one-half inch on sills and carpets. Vacuum required.

By way of a snow job, rather than the real thing: David Cargo, the former two-term governor of New Mexico, said he certainly was not put off by a prediction that he'll be president in 1981. On the contrary, the Republican now practicing as a lawyer in Portland has decided to put the prediction to the test.

After reading in this column the other day that one Sue the Astrologer of Estacada had made her prediction public — she told him the same thing a decade or so ago — Cargo said he was inspired.

"I'm going to take two weeks off in the spring and campaign," he said with the air of a man who feels fate is on his side.

"I'm not going to do it the conventional way," he added, starry-eyed. "I'm going to come up on their blind side. I figured I'd go to fortune teller conventions and talk to mystics. If I get enough predictions on the air and around the country, it will become a spontaneous thing."

In short, he said, "I'll run if it's in the cards."

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WELCOME HELP — Jennet Harmon, 83, gets a helping hand Thursday from Todd Schutrop, 12, a Boy Scout who volunteered to help victims of the snowstorm in Portland. Mrs. Harmon needed a ride from her cold, dark apartment to her daughter's home, and Troop 76 came to her rescue.

True to motto, Scouts appear at elder's door

By JULIE TRIPP
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Boy Scouts helping elderly ladies may be one of the oldest clichés in the book, but the two who appeared on Jennet Harmon's doorstep Thursday were a welcome sight to her 83-year-old eyes.

Like many Portlanders, Mrs. Harmon and her son, Jerry, 47, who is unable to care for her, had been without transportation, heat or lights in their Southeast Portland apartment since 9 p.m. Wednesday. But Mrs. Harmon walks with a cane, has had a heart attack and the cold affects her severe arthritis, so her daughter, Dorothy Hawkins, was worried when her mother's power went out.

Mrs. Hawkins, 16601 S.E. Morrison St., explained her concern and her need for transportation for her mother and brother to the city-county emergency center operator Thursday morning.

By 1:30 p.m., assistant Scoutmaster Tom Hamley of Northeast Portland's Troop 76 was pulling into Mrs. Harmon's icy driveway in his well-equipped and snow-worthy van. Hamley and the two 12-year-old Scouts with him were three of the hundreds of Portland residents who have volunteered to help others during the storm emergency.

"It's good for the boys to have the opportunity to help others," Hamley said. "That's one of the objectives of scouting."

The boys, Todd Schutrop and Weston Spry, got in some map-reading experience along with their efforts at good citizenship. While slushing down the boulevards in Hamley's van, they studied the map and called out the streets in the search for the Harmon home at 7824 S.E. Mitchell St.

The boys found the Harmons cold and hungry, but basically healthy. They carried their overnight bags and escorted them to the van for the ride to Mrs.

Hawkins' house.

"Is there a charge for this service?" Mrs. Harmon meekly asked from the van's back seat, ready to pay up if there were. When told it was free, she said, "Oh, no. If you're Boy Scouts we'll contribute something."

Hot coffee and tea awaited them at Mrs. Hawkins' house, and she was preparing soup for the two, who hadn't eaten since Wednesday.

The volunteers were part of a mutual aid phenomenon springing up everywhere in Portland.

The FISH private food bank Thursday became Portland headquarters for those who wished to donate food and those who needed it. Radio Station KEX was helping FISH coordinate food donations and was seeking volunteers to deliver food in four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The FISH food effort was organized despite the fact that its office at 1335 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. had no power.

Food also was available at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 3699 S.E. 28th Ave. It may be picked up at that address or the society will deliver it to needy persons between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes, which provides hot meals to shut-ins, delivered meals Thursday until it ran out of food. It was not able to deliver Wednesday. It will serve its regular customers Friday, and potential new ones were encouraged to get food elsewhere or to go to one of the shelters where hot food and sleeping accommodations were available.

The shelters were at Fremont Junior High School, 11800 N.E. Shaver St., and at the Urban Indian Council, 1634 S.W. Alder St. Transportation to the shelters may be arranged by calling the city-county emergency services number, 248-9971. Michelle Carlson of the Tri-County Community Council said her agency had received 300 to 400 requests for food, fuel and transportation Thursday.

Emergency aid boosted Workers gain in snow removal efforts

By STEVE JENNING
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Street crews gained ground in their efforts Thursday to reopen snow-choked streets throughout Portland, while both city and Multnomah County officials turned their attention to a threat of street flooding and stepped up attempts to provide food, shelter and medical care to metropolitan area residents.

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, whose office was coordinating snow removal and relief efforts after this week's snow and ice storm, said major streets were being kept clear and that emergency shelters would remain open Thursday night. One shelter was in downtown Portland and the other in the Parkrose neighborhood for residents without heat or light.

In a press briefing at City Hall, Lindberg appealed for food and cash donations to relief services organizations strained by nearly three days of heavy demands.

Meanwhile, Multnomah County Executive Don Clark said conditions in the east county area where snow accumulations have been highest were "very bad, but the residents are coping." Clark said work crews were struggling to keep major arterial streets open, but that side roads may remain closed for a week or more.

Clark declared Multnomah County a disaster area, following consultation with aides to Gov. Vic Atiyeh. Clark said the designation could qualify the county for disaster relief funds, although no requests had been made.

Both Clark and Lindberg said efforts were under way to prevent potential flooding spurred by warmer temperatures. Snow removal was centered Thursday in downtown Portland to prevent overloaded storm drains and water seepage into the basements of downtown stores and office buildings. Lindberg aides said late Thursday afternoon that snowplows and other equipment would finish clearing downtown Portland during the night, then go to neighborhood arterial streets if the weather did not worsen.

Clark said county officials had begun work on an "emergency flood plan."

"We could have a very bad situation," he said. "I'd expect the flooding would occur in the usual areas (along creeks, in the Interstate 205 construc-

tion corridor, and in new construction zones)."

Although major county roads have been kept open, Clark said, side roads may remain choked by snow and downed trees and power lines "for a week or 10 days." Clark said teams of sheriff's deputies and public works personnel on several occasions had rescued persons who were cut off in remote areas of the county.

"In one instance, we sent a crew up to Multnomah Falls to bring some people out. They had to cut through drifts that were 8 to 10 feet high," Clark said. Rescue squads also transported a pregnant East Multnomah County woman who was nearing delivery.

Both city and county officials emphasized the hazards of downed power lines, which were continuing to fall Thursday as more snow descended. Officials urged parents to be particularly watchful of children playing near downed lines.

"The power lines have got to be put underground," Clark said. "It's absurd that this keeps happening year after year."

Lindberg said that FISH, a non-profit organization that provides hot meals to needy Portland residents, has requested donations of food and cash.

The metropolitan area emergency services number, 248-9971, still was receiving hundreds of calls for assistance Thursday, and new volunteer operators had been called in. Officials urged residents in need of hot food, shelter, emergency transportation or medical assistance to continue using the number, however.

Among those hardest hit by the storm and attendant road problems were persons who require some form of health maintenance. Emergency telephone operators received requests for prescriptions and oxygen and calls for help from persons on electrically operated kidney dialysis machines.

All essential city and county services were operating, officials said, but other functions had been cut to skeleton crews. The city hired four road graders and crews from local construction firms, as well as two additional graders from Washington County. The city's Bureau of Public Works also was operating 30 sanding vehicles, 19 snowplows and 20 street-clearing crews — some of them Bureau of Parks employees — Thursday night.

Lindberg said the city's snow removal plan "has worked extremely well," although no cost figures were yet available. The cost of repairing damage to public property caused by the January 1979 snow and ice storm reached nearly \$2 million.

City Commissioner Mildred Schwab designated five park locations for disposal of wood and tree parts brought down by the storm. The drop sites are parking lots at Rose City Park, North-

east 62nd Avenue and Tillamook Street; Lents Park, Southeast 92nd Avenue and Holgate Street; Westmoreland Park, Southeast McLoughlin Boulevard and Bybee Street; Gabriel Park, Southwest 45th Avenue and Vermont Street; and Delta Park on North Denver Street.

In addition, Miss Schwab said she would introduce an ordinance next week that would allow sawing and removal of downed trees from city parks for use as firewood.

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5 deaths in two states called storm-related

By ALAN K. OTA
of The Oregonian staff

The storm-related death toll in Oregon and Washington rose to five Thursday.

And in Hermiston, Umatilla County sheriff's deputies called off their search for a four-year-old boy missing since Tuesday afternoon. Rescuers earlier had searched for the boy in ponds near his house.

Hood River Sheriff Bob Lynch said Louis Lang, 64, Parkdale, collapsed while plowing snow in that Hood River County community and was dead on arrival at Hood River Memorial Hospital late Wednesday. Lang had been plowing snow with a tractor and was

found by friends.

In Portland, the woman crushed by a falling tree Wednesday in the south Park Blocks was identified Thursday as Pamela McLean, 29, an employee of the Nordstrom department store chain.

In Woodland, Wash., the body of Elma Grace Gabrielson, 79, was found Tuesday buried under several inches of snow, one day after she apparently went outdoors to check for mail. Police speculated she fell on the sidewalk.

Other storm-related deaths were reported in Seattle and near Umatilla, where Kenneth Connolly, 29, of Baker was killed Wednesday when his tractor-trailer truck collided with another truck on U.S. 730.

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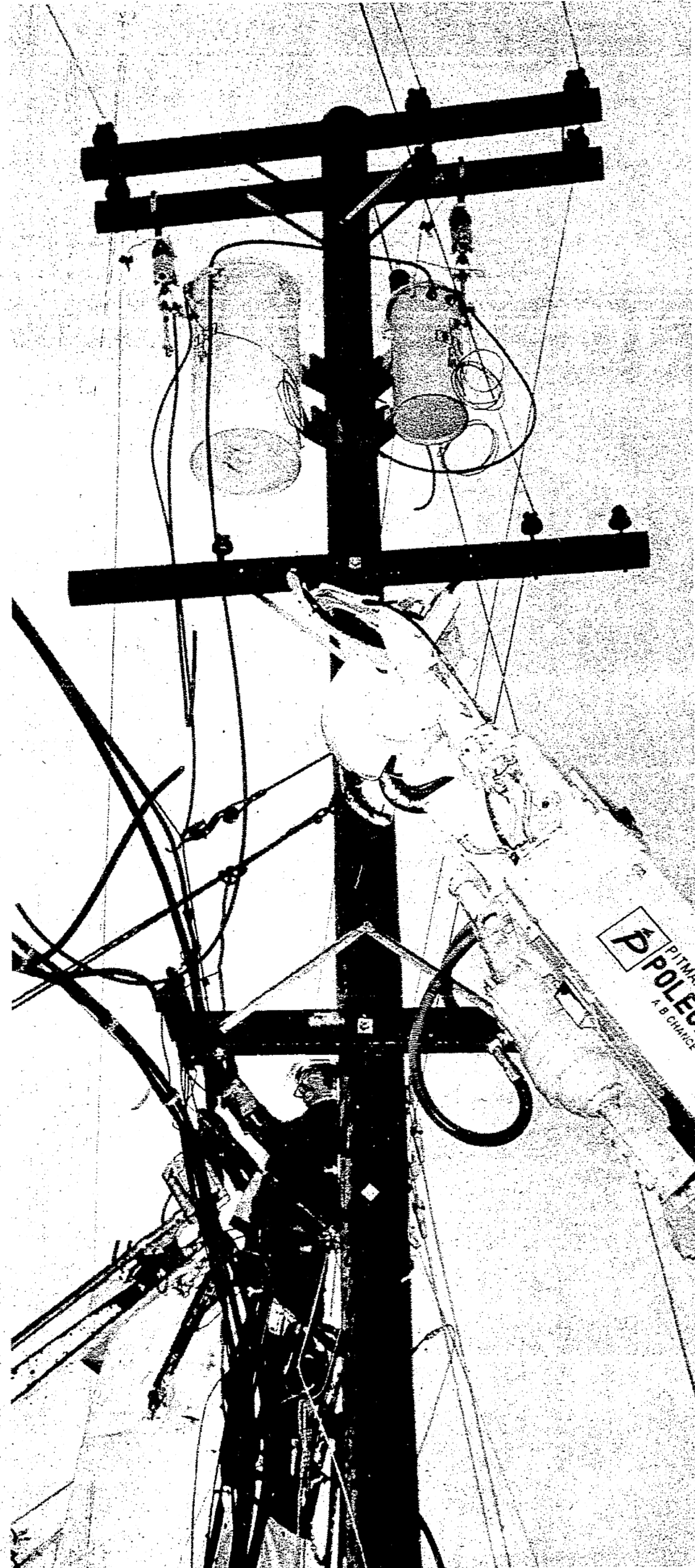
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Winter storm causes beauty, hazards



HIGH WIRE ACT — Tom Fehr, a lineman for Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co., repairs lines damaged in storm. Thousands of area residents were without service.

BIRD FRIENDS — Ducks and geese around some kindhearted park visitors who brought them nourishment.



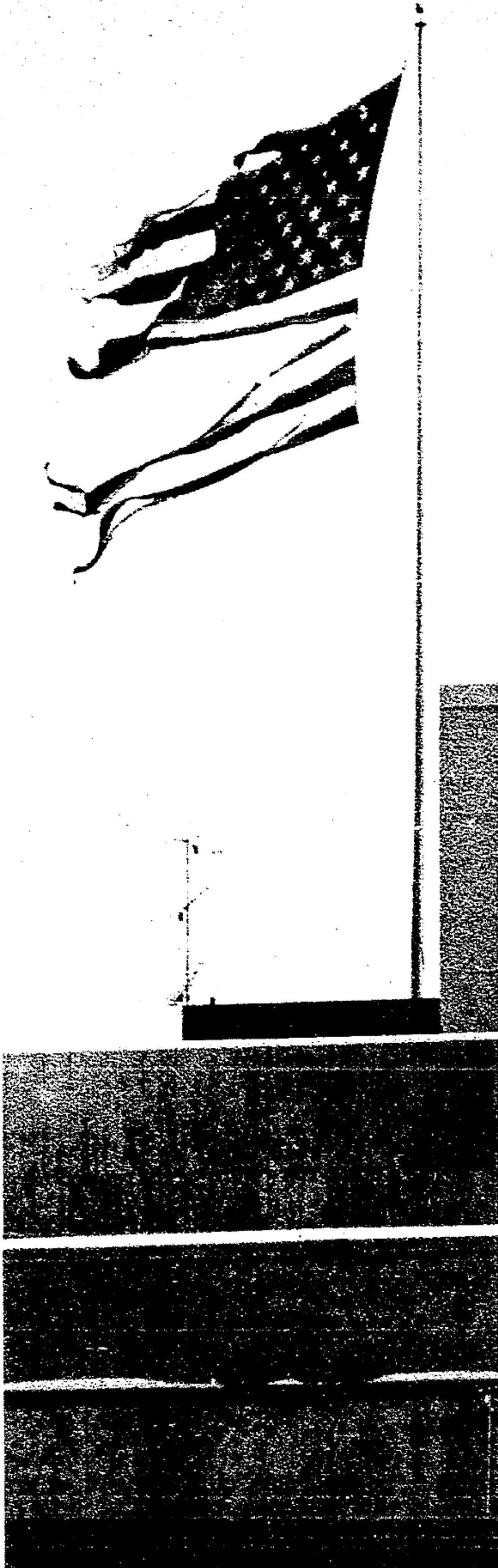
SOME TURTLE — Lee Carroll (left) and Randy Booth sculpted an 18-foot turtle from snow Thursday in Southeast Portland.

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CRACKLING — Gary Kee-see pulls son, Jeremy, 3, through a winter scene punctuated by the sound of splintering icy branches.



NARROW ESCAPE — Seventeen Junction City area children, ranging in age from 8 to 17, escaped injury when school bus slid off icy Hall Road about three miles east of Cheshire. The accident occurred about 7:30 a.m. Thursday after snowstorm hit area.



STARS AND STRIPS — The American flag flying over the Benj. Franklin Federal Savings & Loan Association building shows signs of wear caused by the icy weather.

Clearing snow from I-80N miserable job

By LESLIE L. ZAITZ
of The Oregonian staff

CASCADE LOCKS — Misery comes in the shape of truck-high snowdrifts when you're trying to clear a freeway of a blizzard's leavings.

For the Oregon Highway Division crews appointed to clean up Interstate 80N from Troutdale to Hood River, the task made severe demands on their energy and ingenuity.

When the Columbia Gorge was closed by snow Tuesday, I went along with the highway crews. Cleaning a gorge, it quickly became apparent, is nothing like shoveling off a sidewalk.

The 30-hour trip was not one I'd repeat soon. But for highway workers wrapped in winter parkas, sweatshirts and knit sweaters, the trips go on for days, 12 to 20 hours a shift. There are no coffee breaks. There is no time for lunch. The cold makes their whole bodies shake.

A convoy of rigs left Troutdale at 6 a.m. Wednesday, intent on pushing through a one-lane path to Cascade Locks. There wouldn't be any public traffic allowed in any case, but if the snow were allowed to build up, highway crews said it would take two weeks of bulldozer work to clear it.

I rode in the lead rig, a hefty snowplow driven by Mark Gilbert, who usually spends his time prowling the Mount Hood area for the highway division.

The storm's severity was quickly obvious. This wasn't any postcard snowstorm. From the truck it appeared that this blizzard was literally throwing truckloads of snow straight at us.

We crept along, easing from highway marker to highway marker. The snow came horizontally, propelled by a constant wind of 35-50 mph.

Often we lost sight of the road as our snowplow's blades threw the snow up and the wind threw it back. We would stop and peer out, waiting for a little clearing. There wasn't anything to see. It was like looking into a bag of cotton balls.

Snow by early Wednesday had piled two feet deep on the road, but drifts — encouraged by the windbreaks of abandoned cars and roadside bluffs — were already standing six feet high. When you are accustomed to driving in snow that doesn't top your boots, the sight of snow brushing the bottom of a truck's rear-view mirror is both intriguing and threatening.

We pushed on for about 90 minutes, weaving from time to time around stalled vehicles. Police earlier had rescued the occupants, taking them to Cascade Locks. What had started out as a convoy of trucks soon declined to just two — the one in which Gilbert and I rode and a six-wheel truck behind us. The rest either were stuck or had turned back.

Gilbert lurched to a stop, looking surprised. There on the inside lane sat a car, white and nearly buried. And nearly destroyed.

Gilbert did his best for 30 minutes to punch his way around the car. The motion was, for a time, perpetual — back up, rev the engine, run at the snowbank, stop, repeat. The truck bogged twice, and after getting pulled out the last time, Gilbert decided there was no sense in continuing.

We turned and drove about 10 miles, going down the same lane we had traveled not two hours earlier. Our trail had filled with two feet of new snow. Then that plow, one of the division's largest with a throaty growl like an amplified kitten's purr, got stuck for good.

What do you do when you are miles from help in the middle of a blizzard, sitting in a stalled truck normally used to get out other such rigs?

Gilbert didn't fume like a place-kicker missing a crucial field goal. He knotted up his fist, leaned his chin on it, and stared around a bit.

"We're stuck. We can't go anywhere." He said it quietly, but with a finality that killed any novice's bid to dream up a way out of that snow heap.

We sat there for seven hours.

Asa Lewis, the driver behind us, visited us in the cab. We left the truck running, taking comfort in the little heat it offered. We did not know how long we would be there.

By the time we got stuck, each of us had been up for 24 hours. We had taken no rest stops, and the only food we had was a handful of candy bars and some chocolate-covered graham crackers. During that time we talked about the weather and the job of clearing the snow.

But mostly we were quiet. We were too tired to talk. We tried to sleep, but the cramped quarters of the cab would not permit a deep, sound slumber.

The snowstorm continued furiously for a time, but in early afternoon it seemed to slow a bit. When the clouds lifted slightly we could see that we were on the freeway just below the Vista House. We also could see the Columbia River, looking a shade of gray that made us shiver with its suggestion of cold.

A road grader finally arrived about 3 p.m. and took us all back in. The four of us stood in a space designed for one man with active elbows. But the pleasure of leaving the stalled rigs was benefit enough.

On the way back to Troutdale we passed the town of Corbett, looking dead to the world, half-buried in snow. Our headlights peeped out from their snow covers, but there was no sign of life anywhere.

Highway Division supervisors realized that snow-

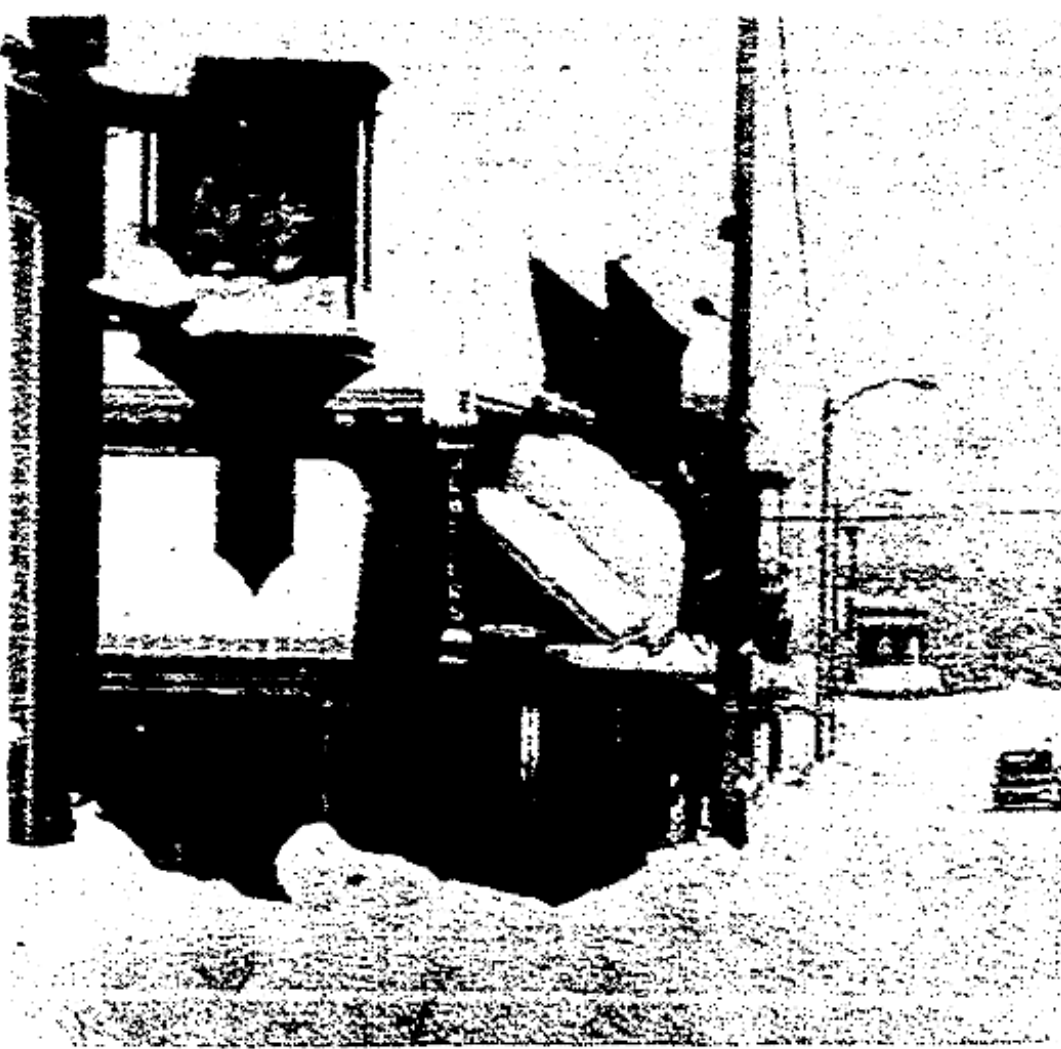


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PILED HIGH — Snow stacked on Hood River streets was typical of Columbia Gorge area.

plows were just no match for what old-timers said was the worst snowstorm in decades. Snow-blowers, working much like giant lawn mowers, were sent up the gorge for a second try.

And I went along, out of a desire to see just how much punishment this maintenance crew would take. Russell Hunter, who usually is a right-of-way foreman in Portland, followed two snow-blowers in a pickup truck in case they needed anything. I rode for a time with Hunter. As with many of the men I met on this trip, Hunter spoke of the division as a family.

"You work here about a year and then you start to feel it," Hunter said. "You start to think, like, of them, that it's a family, and a pretty close one at that."

Later, Hunter drove 10 miles back to Troutdale in the blizzard to fill one of the drivers' coffee jugs and return it.

The second job at clearing the gorge Wednesday night was slow work. While the plows obscure the vision, snow-blowers give a rider the feeling of riding through a sack of flour.

Mike Mitchell was driving the lead snow-blower, something he's been doing for 11 of his 36 years with the division.

He coaxes, nudges, beguiles and berates his machine as he plows through three- to seven-foot deep drifts. The dashboard's lights glowed orange, casting a warm light throughout the tiny cockpit.

"I've never seen the snow this deep," Mitchell said. "The weather was worse in '68, when the temperature was zero and when it was blowing like crazy. You couldn't see anything. But there wasn't as much snow as there is tonight."

And on went his machine. At 10 p.m. Wednesday he was relieved, and the convoy continued a while. One blower broke its universal joint, turned heel and returned to Troutdale. The distance we could see now varied.

At dawn the storm came on furiously in a special "good morning" to the crewmen. The snowflakes got larger. We almost expected to see dents in the trucks.

Then, at midmorning Thursday, the snow stopped and a patch of blue appeared in the sky. There was radio chatter. Would this be the break? No. Snow soon came falling hard again.

By 11 a.m. we had gotten about one mile east of Multnomah Falls. It would be nightfall before the crews made Cascade Locks. The men were relieved by fresh drivers.

There would be no fresh reporter coming to replace me, so I decided to head for Cascade Locks. But the only rig that was going east through a trough in the westbound lanes was a state pickup truck with a cab already loaded with bedraggled crewmen.

Tired and less than satisfied by my meals of candy bars and sunflower seeds, I jumped into the snow-packed truck.

As I rode into town I remembered the poem Mike Mitchell showed me earlier. The poem was about a highway maintenance man who worked the snowplows. In the poem the man dies and is chastised at Heaven's gates for leading such a raucous life.

"I particularly remember the last line," Mitchell had said. He explained that as Saint Peter was about to deny the man entry to Heaven, an angel noted the man's occupation and told Saint Peter: "Sir, this man's already been through Hell."

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Drifting snow clogs Washington roads

By The Associated Press

As falling snow from the first major storm of the new year slackened, high winds and drifting snow closed highways and thwarted efforts in Western Washington to shovel out from the two- to three-foot accumulation.

Rain was forecast for Friday as the snow moved east of the Cascades and was expect-

ed to help sluice away part of the troublesome blanket that has kept much of Western Washington at a standstill since Monday night.

Harold Garrett, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation, said Thursday an estimated 600 to 700 employees operating 200 to 300 pieces of equipment were working double shifts around the clock

to try to keep roads open or reopen the snow-clogged highways.

Several deaths have been reported as a result of the storm. The latest was a 24-year-old Bothell man, who was killed Wednesday evening in a sledding accident in south Snohomish County. Martin J. French was sliding down a hilly street in front of his home during a snowstorm.

Sledders face machete

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A man who reportedly feared for his life fended off an angry group of sledders with a 15-inch machete Wednesday night after "their" hill was invaded by a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Police said Dean Lee Robertson, 23, of Vancouver was cited for passing through a barricade after he allegedly drove up Devine Road, which was dotted with sledders.

An unidentified passenger in the vehicle grabbed the machete to defend himself against the angry sledders, police said.

The road was barricaded between 18th and Idaho streets, and some 30 to 40 sledders were playing on the hill at the time.



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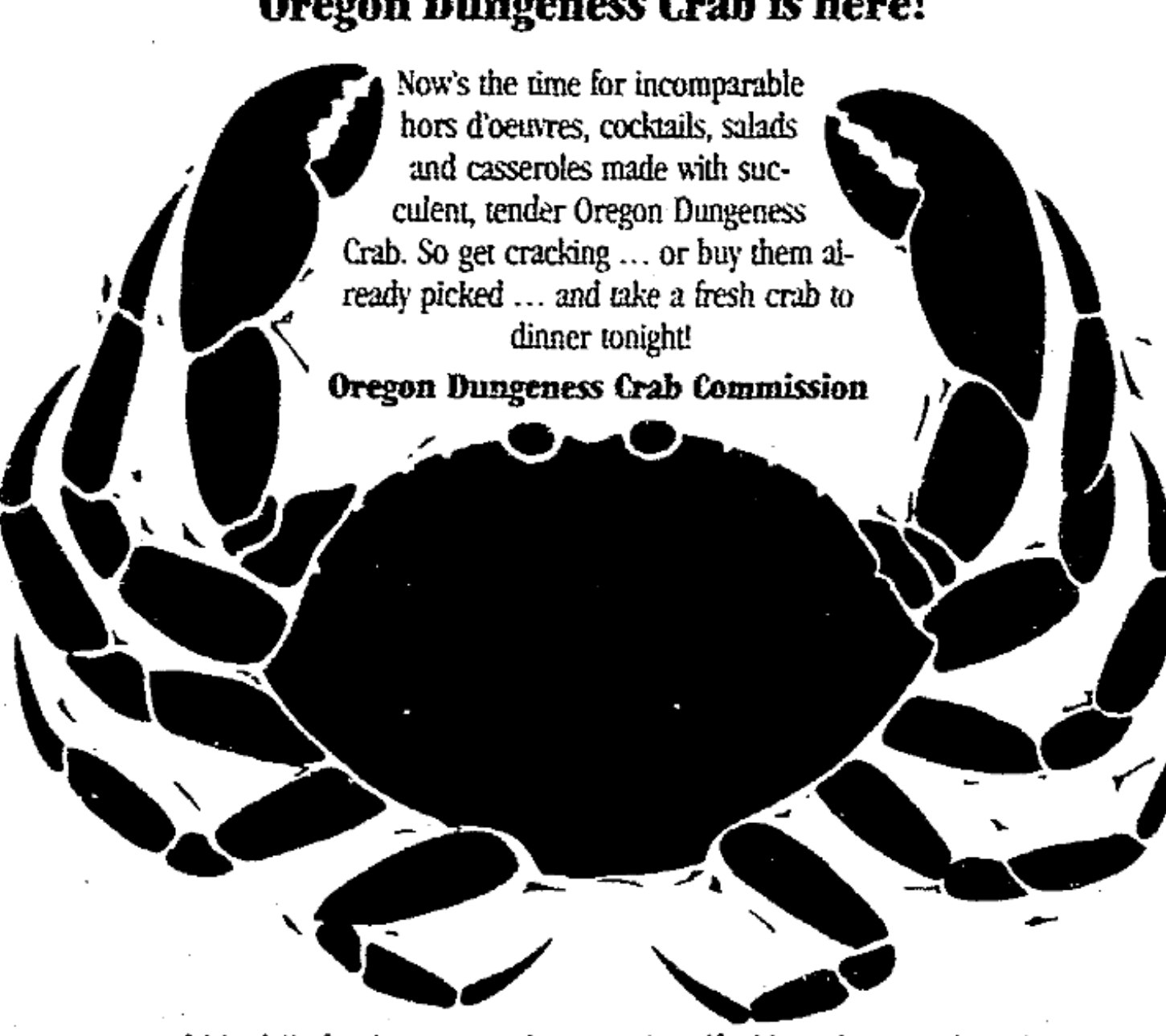
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What if Iran is next Soviet target?

The deployment of large numbers of Soviet combat units in western Afghanistan, opposite the Iranian border, raises the question of what the United States will do if the Russians move to gobble up Iran, obviously a soft mark with its internal strifes, headless government and demoralized armed forces.

The Soviet Union may feel, once the world has done its worst to deplore the Afghanistan invasion, that it might as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb. All geared up, why not take Iran and settle, once and for all, historic border worries? The Soviet economy already has outrun domestic oil production and will soon need Iran's oil. What can the world do short of war that it is not now considering if helpless Iran is taken over?

These questions and concerns are being discussed from New Delhi to Cairo, and from Tel Aviv to Washington and London. President Carter, evidently speeding up his wooing of Moslem countries, is negotiating for the use of bases in Somalia, Oman, Egypt and Pakistan. Midnight oil is being burned over weapons deals with Moslem nations.

Preparing for challenges in the Indian Ocean, the United States has deployed its most advanced combat-controlled aircraft in Egypt and is planning to build up an Indian Ocean base on Diego Garcia Island. Two naval battle groups are plying the Arabian sea and adjacent waters.

That these forces would prove inadequate to

halt, with non-nuclear weapons, a Soviet move into Iran or Pakistan is obvious. Far from home the U.S. battle groups would be taking on the full muscle of the Soviet army, air and naval forces, all closely based and supplied from their own soil.

While U.S. buildups declare a line is being drawn, it is not clear what the response of the Western nations would be if the Soviet Army blitzkrieged Iran, quickly gobbling up its capital and plunging on south to the oil fields.

This is a contingency for which the American public has not been prepared. Not even the hard-liners have advocated military action against the Soviet Union. It has been unthinkable, because of the conviction that such a conventional conflict might escalate over a weekend into a nuclear war.

Considering these risks, it should be obvious, even to the most dedicated dove, that if the United States fails to respond to the Afghanistan invasion with tough economic measures, the temptation to gobble up helpless Iran may prove irresistible to the militarists in Moscow.

Americans, whether they be farmers or unemployed high technology workers, must support the Carter administration's efforts to deter further Soviet aggression. Even though these initial responses may prove costly and seem imperfect, they will in the long term prove cheaper than even a superpower brush war.

Petro squeeze hurts

Many residents of the Portland metropolitan area received another taste of an energy-short lifestyle with the advent of winter weather this week, but it was not as bitter as in parts of the Third World without oil.

"In Dacca, Bangladesh, eager buyers crowd around empty tanks to wait for deliveries of scarce and costly kerosene," reported Time magazine recently. "In Dar es Salaam, Tanzanians line up for hours for deliveries of sugar and other basic necessities that are hopelessly delayed, partly because there is little gasoline for trucks. . . . In Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian cab drivers crowd the streets and snarl traffic during a three-day strike to protest a 58 percent rise in gasoline prices. Meanwhile, riots break out in the Dominican Republic, and three people are killed after gas prices jump for the third time in a year."

"Says Colombia's President Julio Ayala: 'One OPEC price rise is equal to 10 subversive blows.'"

Those who conserve in the United States not only are contributing to their own future comfort, but are offering a helping hand, indirect though it be, to those in the less developed countries who are bearing the real weight of the petro-squeeze

Share the shoveling

A good way to warm up in these shivery days is to slip on a coat, grab a shovel and clear the sidewalk of snow and ice.

In fact, there is a Portland statute that says it must be done: "It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of property abutting a sidewalk to fail to remove snow accumulated upon that sidewalk the entire length of the property for a space of not less than three feet in width within the first four daylight hours after the accumulation occurs" — Portland Municipal Code 14.20.160.

That does not suggest police will be running around with rulers and citation books, nor should it encourage litigation-prone persons to take a few dives on uncleared sidewalks. But it should be an added incentive to people who do not want to see other people slip and slide to the point of injury.

Weather such as Portland has experienced this week brings fun, frustration and hazard. Dealing with the latter ranges not only from lightening the snow load on roofs not built to handle such weight to being particularly careful of fireplace, cookstove and lantern flames.

It also brings a fellowship and spirit of helpfulness to human beings that too often disappear as soon as sunshine melts the snow and ice. Since clearing sidewalks is not work for the elderly, or even the mostly sedentary types, a hardy good neighbor has an opportunity to be a good samaritan as well.

In this weather, people share homes, drivers share rides; let's all share the sidewalks, too — safely.

'Clear cutting'



U.S. options clouded by Palestinian issue

By ANTHONY LEWIS

BOSTON — The United States has acted quickly to make the Soviet Union pay an economic price for its occupation of Afghanistan. President Carter wisely rejected the advice of the Howard Bakers and John Connallys of American politics, which was to whine loudly and go on with business as usual.

The Carter measures have at least defined the seriousness of the Soviet aggression.

But now Americans have to consider the longer-term implications of Afghanistan. The event requires a fresh look at the fundamentals of Soviet-American relations. But even before that, in terms of urgency, must come a reappraisal of the U.S. role in the Persian Gulf.

The states of the Gulf region have two outstanding characteristics: They are immensely important in terms of resources and extremely weak in military and political terms. The combination makes them an extraordinarily tempting target for either outright Soviet attack or revolutionary activity.

The vulnerability of the Gulf is not new. It has been described by strategic analysts for years as a logical Soviet target. But the logic and the potential

threat have grown far more compelling lately.

The West is now so dependent on the area for oil that a cut-off of supplies from the Gulf would be devastating. At the same time, the Soviet Union, according to outside experts, is approaching the limits of its home oil resources.

The state that had the only real military power on the Gulf, Iran, has effectively disintegrated. And the occupation of Afghanistan has made the idea of a Soviet attack in the region less theoretical. For the first time since World War II, Soviet leaders have shown themselves ready to undertake military adventures outside of Eastern Europe.

All this has led a number of politicians and commentators, in the wake of Afghanistan, to suggest the establishment of American military bases in the Gulf area. There are possible sites, and there are good reasons now to think about a formal U.S. military presence in the area.

But it would be foolish to move ahead militarily without considering the political context. That was how we began in Vietnam.

In the Persian Gulf, the context is Islam. The people of the region mostly fear communism, and by all logic they should look for protection against the Soviet Union to the great conservative power of the world, the United States. But that natural orientation is inhibited by a factor that is no secret: distrust of America on the Arab-Israeli question.

The Palestinian problem is not just an ideological imperative to the rulers of the Gulf states; it is a practical concern. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians live on the Gulf, playing important roles as lawyers, accountants, businessmen, professors. Their discontent — and the potential for its increase — threaten the area's fragile stability.

From the viewpoint of the leaders of the Gulf states, the United States is deeply engaged in Middle East peace-making but achieves nothing for the Palestinians. Emile A. Nakhleh of the American Enterprise Institute, writing recently in The New York Times, put it that the Gulf rulers "link America's misfortunes in the Islamic world with its inability to produce a just solution to the Palestine conflict."

Of course, there is unfairness in the judgment. The United States can urge but cannot compel changes of policy in Israel, and on the Palestinian question there are profound reasons of fear and politics for the Israeli government to resist change. Successive administrations in Washington have tried urging on that issue with, so far, little concrete success.

But just as events have made the situation in the Gulf more urgent, so have they affected Israel's security equation. Israel must be as concerned as anyone to keep the Soviet Union out of the Gulf. More clearly than ever, then, Israel's interest lies in making peace with the conservative powers of Islam.

Since Camp David, Israel and its friends have increasingly seen the relationship with Egypt as a natural conservative alliance, supported by the United States. A real step towards settlement of the Palestinian question would permit a crucial broadening of that de facto alliance.

For the West as a whole, security now requires progress on the Palestinian question. It is an essential element in the political confidence needed to make any American military move in the Persian Gulf effective.

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State of Atiyeh: Nothing broke to fix

Few Oregon governors have emerged from the first year of their first term as definable as Victor Atiyeh, the eminent caretaker of the State of Oregon. In delivering his state-of-the-state address Monday before a friendly audience on his home turf in Washington County, the governor attempted to build a case for how he perceives himself — a negotiator, a manager, a calm voice that whispers away a storm.

While it is true that Atiyeh has been effective in defusing several state problems before they became crises, he has been no one-man bomb demolition squad. Few of the examples he cited qualify as life-threatening.

This is not to say that the governor has not delivered on his campaign promises, or that he is less a manager of Oregon's state bureaucracy than he said he would be. In fact, his campaign theme focused on a little down-home plumber wisdom that says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The governor has not fixed any unbroke things that come to mind, but he is still untested as to whether he could fix anything that becomes broken.

Recent governors Mark Hatfield, Tom McCall and Bob Straub had no better track records during their first year in the governor's office than Atiyeh has had; McCall and Straub had longer wish lists — translated perhaps into

superior vision, if not greater visibility as thinkers and doers. But with longer lists, there were unfulfilled promises, some major disappointments, things undone.

Atiyeh's vision seems limited to shorter-term goals and management philosophies that accentuate efficiency in government. That he is not an innovator of bigger and better mousetraps, should not detract from the success of his major mission — to restore confidence in state government by gaining the confidence of his agency managers and directors.

Atiyeh's approach to being governor contrasts with his predecessors'. He seems in no hurry, adopting, rather, the Calvin Coolidge concept: "If we cannot do everything at once, we should at least do something at once." The governor has achieved a series of somethings — usually tackled one at a time — while addressing, with a decent batting average, most of the things he promised during the campaign.

Other than continuing the fine tuning of state government operations, one wonders if Atiyeh has anything hidden on his four-year agenda. If not, he will remain a trusted caretaker of Oregon's state government — and one who listened most to the voters who were saying to politicians in 1978, "Don't lead us, just make it easier for us to find our own way through the government maze."



Opted for warmth

To the Editor: This responds to your editorial regarding smoke from wood stoves (Dec. 29).

Clearly, our lawmakers, judges and bureaucrats have shown their inability



to solve our energy problem or allow American business the freedom for a traditional solution.

Therefore, I think the public (in burning wood) has opted for a reasonable means of keeping warm without relying on our government or the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

LARRY SHIELDS JR.,
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Headache cure

To the Editor: While doing some automotive work for a co-worker, I discovered a crack in the exhaust manifold in her car. She had been complaining of morning headaches. Apparently, she had been getting a mild case of carbon monoxide poisoning every time she drove this car.

Last week, another woman at the plant asked me to look at her car to determine the cause of a strong exhaust odor. The rear weld on her muffler had broken, allowing exhaust gas to enter the car through the trunk.

With the weather getting colder and more people driving with their windows closed and heaters on, this would

be a good time to check on this hazard. With the cost of repairs going up, more people are neglecting even the most basic maintenance on their cars, and something as obscure as the exhaust system probably won't get attention until it falls off.

People who get chronic headaches in winter that their doctors can't seem to cure should look to an automotive repairman for a possible answer.

ALLEN R. COMSTOCK,
9850 S.W. Freewing St.,
Tigard.

Susan's worth

To the Editor: I would like to express our appreciation for your editorial in support of the Susan B. Anthony dollar (Jan. 2). If we had tried, we could not have stated it better.

I'm confident the new dollar coin will be accepted by the public in time, and that the substantial economies to the government and the public will be realized.

I know all of us complain about the high cost of government, and by using the dollar coin each one of us can participate in effecting a reduction in such costs.

A. S. CARELLA,
Federal Reserve Bank,
915 S.W. Stark St.

Tilting at windmills

To the Editor: As I understand it, Bonneville Power Administration, in partnership with another federal agency, is contemplating construction of three power-generating windmills in the Goldendale sector of the Columbia Gorge. Their total cost would approximate \$13 million. Each would produce about 2½ megawatts of power at a wind velocity ranging from 25 to 30 miles per hour.

To gain some degree of economic perspective regarding this proposal, I completed some quick calculations to determine what investment would be required to produce a level of power equal to that provided by Trojan which, as I understand it, has an output approximating 1,100 megawatts. My figures indicate that 440 such windmills — each 350 feet high, including prop swing — would be needed. Their total cost would exceed \$1.91 billion, or about \$1,727,000 per megawatt of producible energy.

Exploring further with those acquainted with the nature of this proposal revealed that each windmill would be operable less than 40 percent of the time, conceivably as little as 20 percent. From where I sit, this idea appears as an expensive source of undependable power when compared with either the nuclear- or coal-fired plant, even when one considers that the cost of operating

the windmills would be minimal. The initial capital investment in 440 windmills would exceed that of the more dependable coal-fired plant of equivalent output, by 90 percent.

Much maligned Harborton offers an even more interesting comparison. Its current capital investment approximates \$83,000 per megawatt of producible energy, less than one-twentieth of that of the windmill proposal.

ROY M. HOWARD,
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Lake Oswego.

Hard to argue

To the Editor: The question mark of your editorial headline, "Land use politics alters planning?" is haunting.

If the editorial writer had been sitting in the chair of Commissioner Jack Faust during the Land Conservation and Development Commission hearings, and had been as aware as the commissioner, he could not have helped noticing:

— The room held about 200 people, mostly lawyers, elected officials and appointees with their staffs.

— The others were the press and a large 1000 Friends of Oregon (representation), one representative from a farm group and two from a builder group.

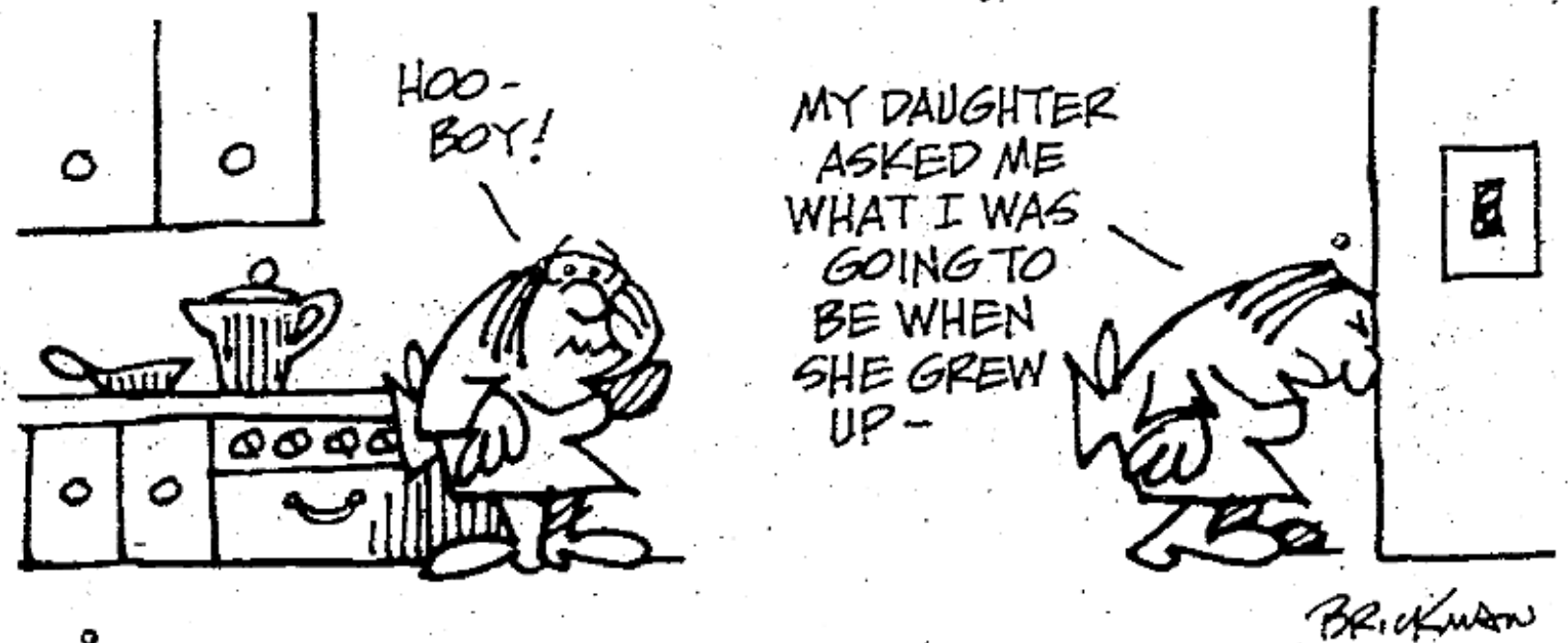
— The few professional planners were primarily administrators.

The Urban Growth Boundary is as political as Senate Bill 100, any party platform or the 1000 Friends of Oregon. It looks good, and it is hard to argue against. And, like the federal Highway Act of 1954, if it doesn't work out who is going to remember?

Faust's reporting the resolution of the question by the democratic process of "confrontation, accommodation and compromise" should not be a surprise. The suggestion that citizens be supplied with "a specific set of political guidelines" is already overfilled in the Oregon Constitution and the open meeting laws.

THOMAS K. WELCH,
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the small society



Railroad maintains lifeline through Columbia Gorge

By PAUL PINTARICH
of The Oregonian staff

Union Pacific's eastbound freight enters the Columbia Gorge hitting west-bound snow coming down like fistfuls of dandruff thrown by angry winter gods.

The snow covers the single track and sweeps the freeway to oblivion. At Troutdale, engineer George Benedict throttles the three huge 6,600-horsepower diesels to restricted speed and squints at the block signal.

The signal is yellow — caution — and Benedict, 37, a 10-year-veteran, comments, "Boy, this is something. I've never seen it this bad."

Brakeman Edward C. Harris, 60, a Union Pacific employee for 38 years, a man who worked the old steam engines and drove Army trains during the chilly Battle of The Bulge, lights a cigarette and tips his hat back on his head.

"Hell, this ain't nothing," he says, launching into what will be several hours of history, philosophy and Harris' guide for the working man. "You should've seen it one time back on the old steamers when we were . . ."

He is interrupted when Benedict hits the airbrakes, slowing the mile-long train behind an Amtrak passenger train which, in turn, is following a two-engine plow struggling to keep the single track open between Troutdale and The Dalles.

Union Pacific is running two trains each way this Wednesday, the second day of the storm. Amtrak has one east-bound and one going west.

Once into the gorge the train seems literally swallowed by wind, whirling snow and darkness. To the left, Interstate 80N is a drifting wasteland marked only by abandoned automobiles and the cabs of huge trucks.

The trucks appear for miles, parked like the debris from some disastrous winter retreat. At Multnomah Falls, the lodge buried and the falls a cascade of titan icicles, the voice of a snowplow crew leader crackles over the radio to say that the crew has stopped to dig out motorists trapped in their cars at the falls.

One trucker, the radio says, has been there two days, is weak, his hands frostbitten, and the crew struggles through chest-deep snow to reach the man.

Near Bonneville Dam, more snow than you ever want on your roof seems to crush the buildings there. A man has had a heart attack in Cascade Locks, so the train will stop and take him in to Hood River.

Benedict waits until the block signals go green again, and inches the throttle. Drifting snow blows over the cab, attacking it, the wind so strong it shudders the massive locomotives and everyone inside ducks instinctively.

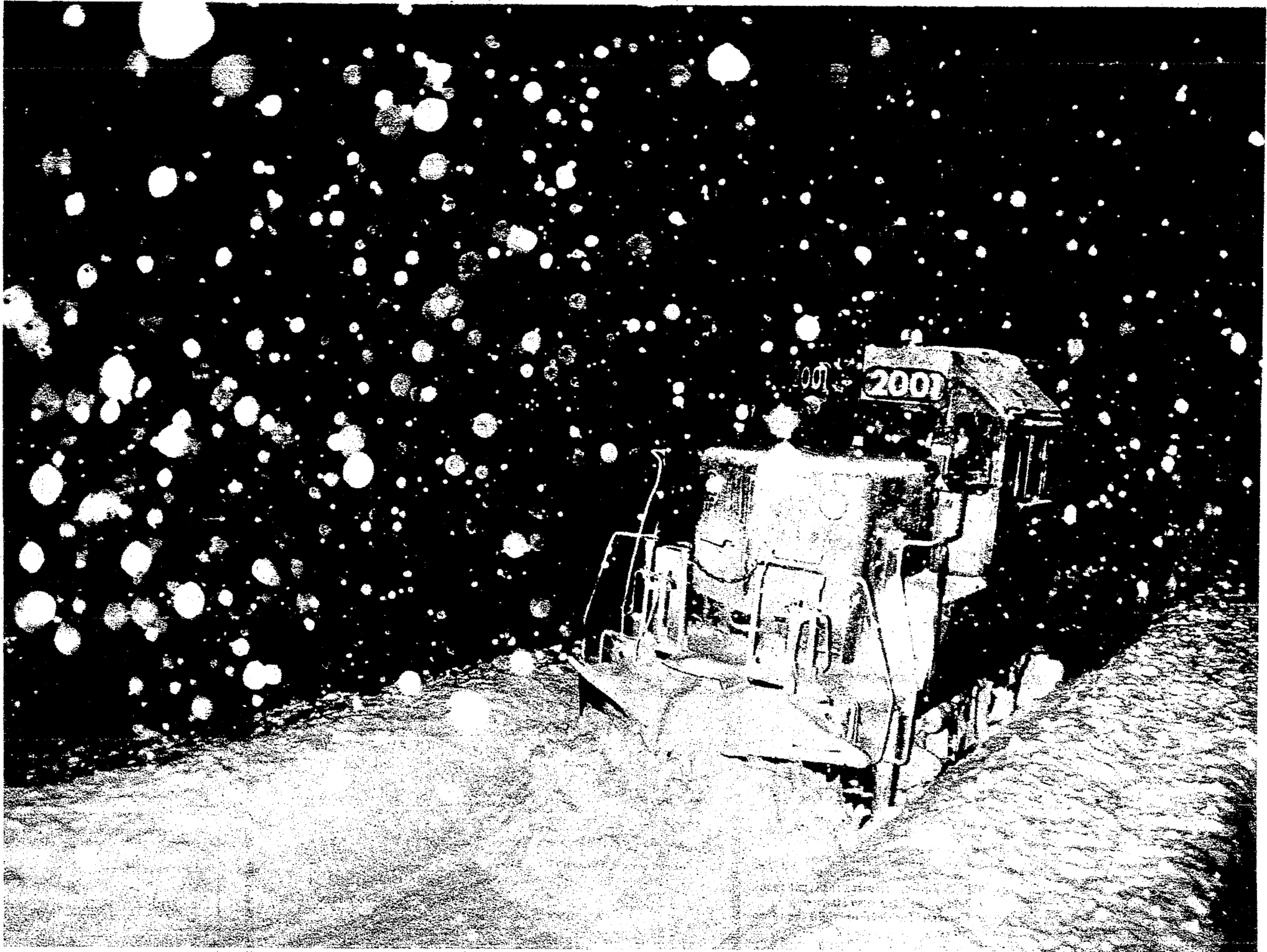
Harris mentions again how it was worse in '62, but Benedict keeps a close eye on the track and mentions how the plow is not doing any good.

Can a train be derailed by snow? Harris has a smoke and squints knowingly. "Taploc snow, that'll do it," he says. "Roll right up under the plow."

It is a bitter night for the section crews who are out thawing the signals and switches, often only heads and shovels seen above the drifts. Their trails are silent struggles to keep the track open through the gorge.

Along the steep cliffs, the train creeps past rock fences, broken by snow and throwing block signals to red. Benedict slows the huge engines, each of the three weighing 545,800 pounds; the biggest on Union Pacific; the biggest anywhere. Still, they seem insignificant against the gorge.

Stopped there in the silence, those in the freight train watch snow filling the tracks, crowding closer and the train-



SNOW JOB — A Union Pacific snowplow works to keep one track clear west of Cascade Locks. The double-engine plow barely held its own against blizzard conditions, moving back and forth between Troutdale and The Dalles.

men mention the huge and impressive rotary plow, which will be sent later, and something called a "Jordan spreader."

In the quiet darkness, the Columbia River is green-gray, and tugs and barges are still moving. It appears as though in another century, a time when all that moved through here were steamboats and trains.

At Starvation Creek rest stop, there are some knowing nods and everyone looks for movement in the cars and trucks stranded there.

It snows harder at Cascade Locks, the center of the Cascade Mountains; Harris says, and at Hood River, it snows even harder.

The Dalles is a relief of clear snapping air. Snow is piled high in the streets and everyone has the look of having just dug themselves out. The train crews are weary, cold.

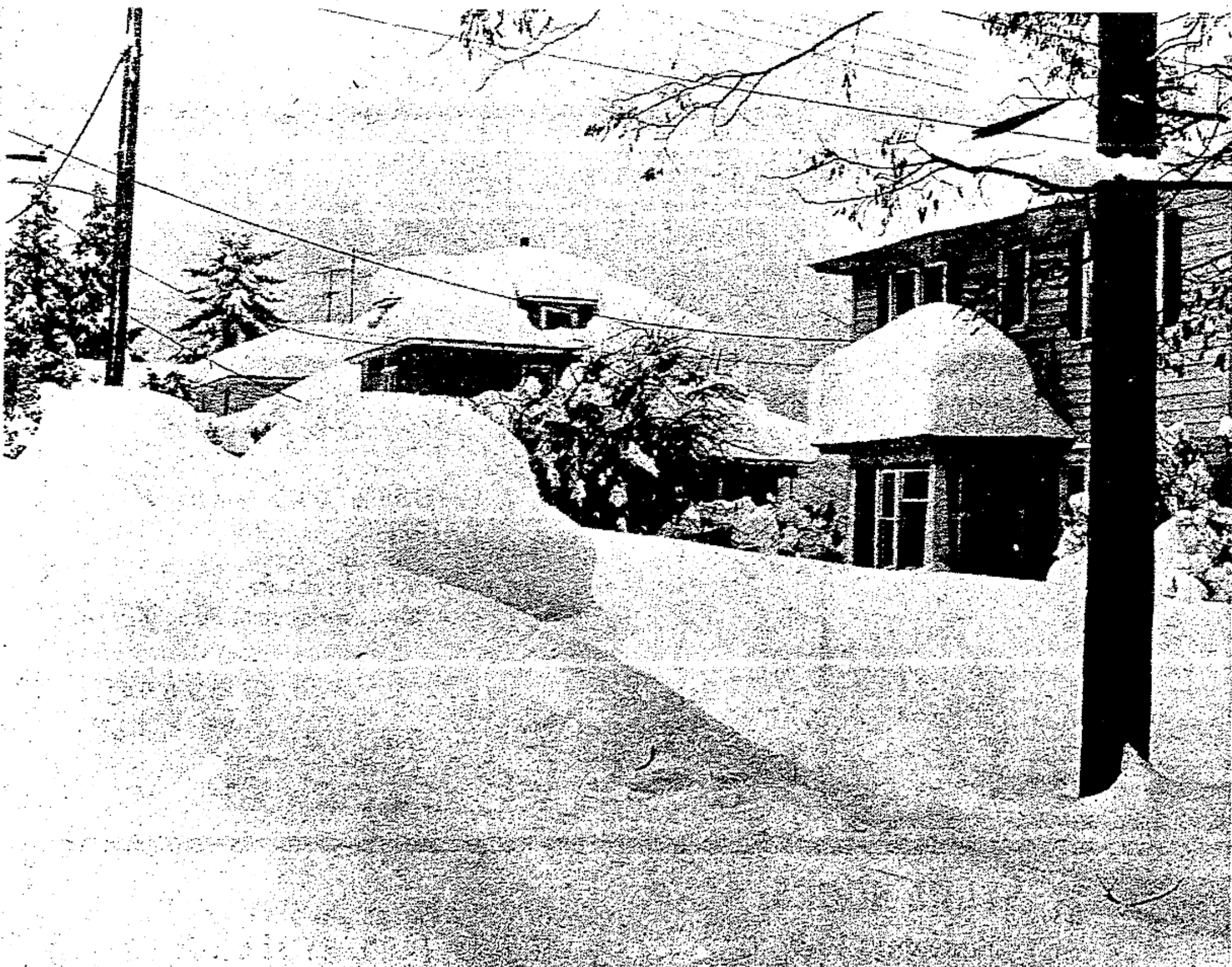


FORGET THE CHAINS — Abandoned car on Interstate 80N was one of many vehicles left by drivers due to hazardous conditions in the Columbia Gorge.

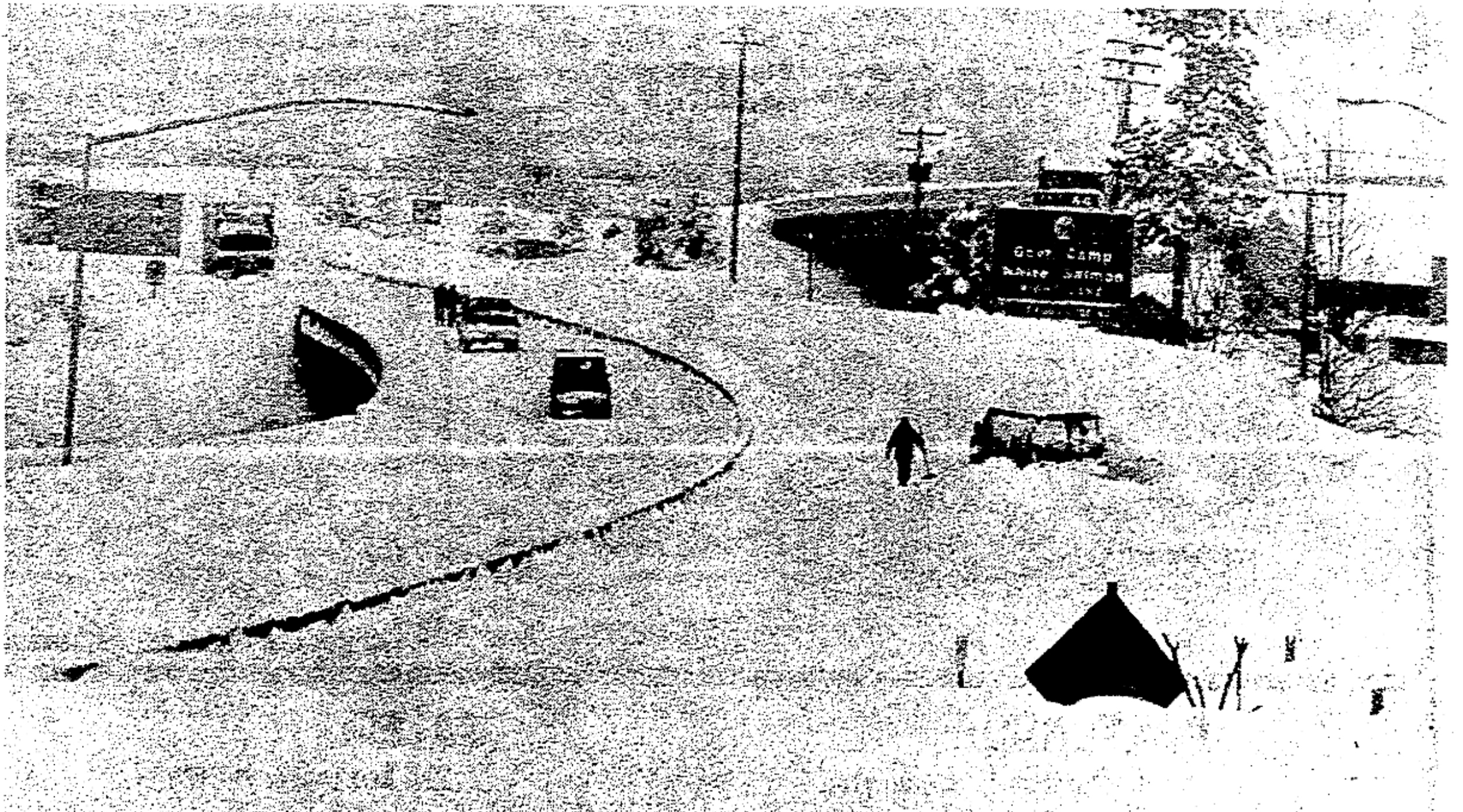


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'HANDLING IT' — Union Pacific section hand waves as a passing freight chugs through Cascade Locks.



SNOW HOUSES — Snow piles high on Hood River homes after storm whipped through Columbia Gorge.



FREEWAY MESS — Interstate 80N near Hood River resembles a ski area Thursday as snow blocks highway.

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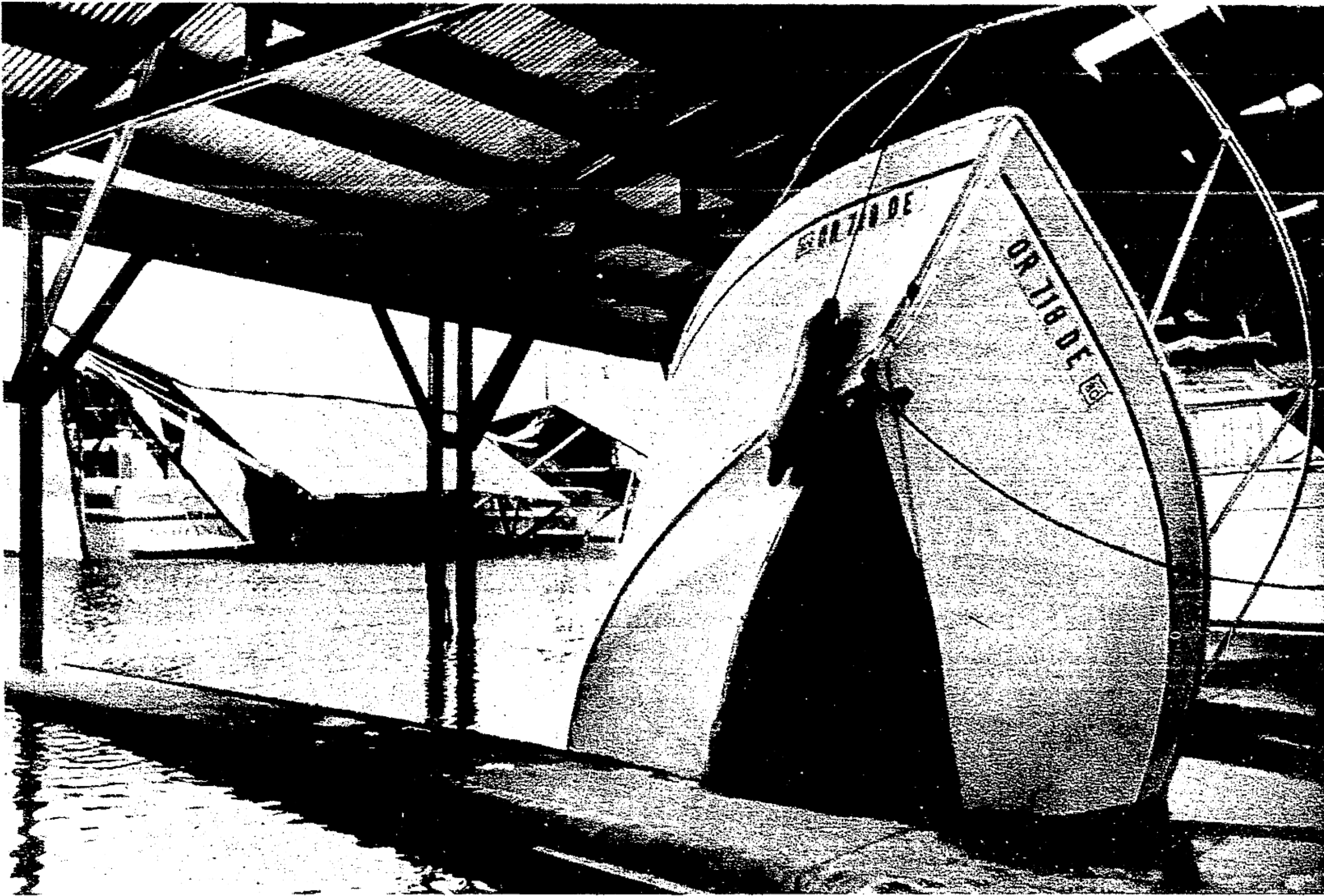
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SINKING FEELING — Boat in Portland's McCuddy's marina sinks Friday. Area storm damage was estimated at more than \$1 million. Story Page B1.

Truck convoys creep through gorge

By LESLIE L. ZAITZ
of The Oregonian staff

Most of the state's snow-clearing equipment was working in concert Friday to clear the Columbia Gorge, and three convoys made it possible for scores of stranded trucks and motorists to finally get out of the snow-bogged region.

"People were running out of fuel, and the accommodations along the

gorge have been really overloaded," said Harry Woodward, Oregon Highway Division district engineer responsible for the gorge. "Some of the places were starting to run out of supplies."

No one was making predictions about when Interstate 80N might be reopened to public travel. Snow drifting to 7 feet deep has kept the freeway closed since noon Tuesday.

Snow, rain and freezing rain oc-

curred at times throughout the gorge Friday.

Snowplows and snowblowers by noon Friday had cleared a two-lane-wide path in the westbound lanes of I-80N from Hood River to Troutdale. A convoy of 15 trucks and vehicles was escorted by Oregon State Police from Cascade Locks 20 miles east to Hood River.

A second 40-rig convoy left Hood

River on Friday afternoon and arrived in Troutdale late Friday, swelled along the way by trucks from Cascade Locks and Bonneville. A third convoy was scheduled to depart Troutdale Friday night, destined for Hood River.

Most of the 200 persons stuck in Cascade Locks had left by Friday, taking either Amtrak's Pioneer or leaving on the truck convoys. Some 50 stranded persons in Bonneville were led across Bonneville Dam, down Washington 14 and back into Cascade Locks on the Bridge of the Gods. They then continued on to Hood River.

The heavy snow caused the roof to collapse on a Army Corps of Engineers hydrology laboratory in Bonneville.

Oregon National Guard units were expected to arrive in Cascade Locks from Portland to help dig out the town. Another 6 inches of snow fell there Friday, adding to an estimated 5 feet that already had isolated the town.

Woodward said two-thirds of the state's snow-clearing equipment had been shifted to the gorge from such distant points as Ashland and Klamath Falls.

A helicopter from the Air Force Reserve's 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron in Portland rescued a woman, paralyzed on her left side, from her snowbound home Friday in a wooded canyon north of Goldendale, Wash.

The woman, identified only as a Mrs. Wilkens, was taken to Klickitat Valley Hospital. Hospital officials said she apparently was injured when she fell at home.

A second helicopter flew to Eagle Creek, near Bonneville, on a report that three persons were stranded and sick in a remote home. The crew found a man and woman in the home in good condition. They elected to stay there.

A reporter returning to Portland with the helicopter crew saw dozens of homes sealed in by snow. There was no indication that their owners had dug out since the storm hit Tuesday.

On the Washington side of the Columbia River, Clark, Klickitat and Skamania counties were declared state emergency areas, allowing any state agency to assist in rescue and survival efforts in those gorge counties. State authorities said up to 104 inches of snow had accumulated in Skamania County.

Jobless rate holds to 5.8%

By EILEEN ALT POWELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The unexpected strength of the economy in 1979 helped hold the unemployment rate to an average 5.8 percent for the year, the lowest level since 1974, the government reported Friday.

December's unemployment rate of 5.9 percent was up just slightly from November's 5.8 percent and within the range of 5.7 percent to 5.9 percent that has prevailed since August 1978, the Labor Department report showed.

Blacks and other minorities bore the brunt of unemployment increases in December. Joblessness among minorities rose from 10.9 percent in November to 11.3 percent last month. The unemployment rate for whites remained unchanged at 5.1 percent.

The jobless rate had averaged 6 percent in 1978 and 7 percent in 1977. It was 5.6 percent in 1974 before the recession pushed unemployment to 8.5 percent, the decade high, in 1975.

"It's a puzzling situation," said Lyle

E. Gramley of the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

"The economy remained much stronger (last year) than anybody anticipated," he said. "It showed surprising resiliency against the shocks that it suffered."

One shock was the doubling of crude oil prices charged by Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Gramley said. Another was high interest rates following the Federal Reserve Board's Oct. 6 move to restrain inflation by tightening credit.

"We don't know for certain yet whether the economy is weathering that blow well," Gramley said of the high interest rates.

Both actions had led the Carter administration to predict that unemployment would average 6.6 percent in the final quarter of 1979.

But the jobless rate did not go up, in large part because business remained strong and industries created more than 2.1 million jobs last year.

That's lower than the 3 million created in 1978 and 4.1 million of 1977 but "still high by historic standards," according to Jack Breger, chief of the Labor Department's employment analysis division.

Whether the pattern will continue in 1980 remains to be seen.

Most economists are predicting the recession that didn't occur in 1979 will hit in the first half of 1980.

Shuttle test successful

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The space shuttle Columbia made a successful mock liftoff Friday night, later than planned because of technical problems, space agency officials said.

Astronauts John Young and Navy Cmdr. Robert Crippen, wearing blue flight suits, were at the controls in Columbia's cockpit for the launch, said Kennedy Space Center spokesman Rocky Raab.

A day earlier, the Columbia made a fake trip Young called "fantastic." But Friday's flight had to be delayed 90 minutes because of problems with a television that simulates flight conditions.

Engineers also had to replace a flight computer and malfunctioning parts of another.

At least two more simulated takeoffs are on tap for the Columbia, Raab said.

Today's chuckle

These days by the time you get it all together, there's no gas to take it anywhere.

Iran threatens war if U.S. blocks strait

By BRYAN BRUMLEY

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The Khomeini regime will go to war with the United States if the American Navy tries to restrict Iran's trade routes by blockading the mouth of the Persian Gulf, an Iranian government minister declared Friday.

The statement by Commerce Minister Reza Sadr — latest in a series of such warnings by the Iranians — came as Washington made plans for broader, multinational economic sanctions against Iran because of the continued captivity of the American Embassy hostages.

Sadr's remarks, reported by the official Pars news agency, followed an American television interview in which Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said he would "not rule out" such a naval blockade.

Anti-government violence continued Friday in Iran's turbulent Azerbaijan and Kurdistan regions, where dissidents are seeking greater autonomy from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolutionary regime.

At the occupied U.S. Embassy in Tehran, as the 50 or so American hostages went through their 69th day of captivity, an American Indian activist visited with the Iranian militants occupying the complex and then led the crowds outside in chants of "Down

with Carter!" and "Return Indian Land to the Indian People!"

The Indian — John Thomas, a 35-year-old South Dakotan — did not see the hostages, a militant spokesman said. Thomas is a member of the American Indian Movement and is here as a delegate to a conference of international "liberation" organizations.

The Pars agency said that for the second day in a row, a delegation of embassy militants met with Khomeini at his headquarters city of Qom, 100 miles south of here. The subject of the talks was not divulged, but the meetings have stirred speculation that some development may be near in the embassy crisis.

A Soviet veto foredoomed American efforts to have the U.N. Security Council order economic sanctions against Iran.

A previous council resolution called for adoption of sanctions if the hostages were not freed by Jan. 7, last Monday. In the midst of the U.S.-Soviet dispute over Afghanistan, however, the Soviets announced they would block U.S. action on Iran. The Carter administration, which wants to halt all shipments of goods to Iran except for food and medical supplies, now is trying to rally its Western allies to impose a tough embargo on the Iranians.

Vance, interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today" show, said that even with a Soviet veto, "we will go ahead and take action as if the sanctions had indeed been put into effect."

Vance also left open the possibility of a blockade of the Persian Gulf. The U.S. Navy already has a large task force in the region.

Sadr later told the Iranian news agency, "If the United States decided to militarily block the Strait of Hormuz, it would certainly result in war." The strait is the entry to the Persian Gulf.

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Low-lying areas advised to brace for flood threat

Photos on Page B2

By STAN FEDERMAN
and DON BUNDY
of The Oregonian staff

Warmer temperatures and rain over the weekend were expected to melt the snow in the storm-weary Portland area, but that may create a new problem — floods.

The National Weather Service advised Friday night that with heavy rain and melting snow, flooding could be expected in the Portland area on small streams.

Both city and county emergency crews were readying their flood plans.

"We're preparing for the worst, but hoping it won't happen," said Multnomah County Executive Don Clark.

Clark said he doubted that flooding would be severe in Multnomah County, but that residents of areas where flooding frequently occurs should be prepared.

"We believe that any flooding will be limited to the low-lying areas and to the traditional floodplains of Johnson Creek, Fairview Creek and other smaller creeks," he said. He also cautioned persons who get their drinking water from wells to be prepared for possible contamination by floodwaters.

Forecasters at the National Weather Service said whether Western Oregon streams spilled over their banks would depend on rainfall amounts and temperatures. No sudden rises were expected on the Willamette River.

Weathermen predicted that temperatures in Portland and the Willamette Valley might go as high as 45 degrees Saturday. The apparent end of the four-day cold spell was attributed to a major warm air mass moving in from the southwest.

Although the warmer temperatures acted as a de-icer for power and telephone lines, thousands of Portland-area homes still were without service Friday night. Utilities were bringing in crews from all over the Northwest in an effort to speed repair work.

Portland General Electric Co. reported 24,000 homes still without power Friday night. A PGE spokesman said the utility hoped to "clean up" most outages by Sunday. Pacific Power & Light Co. had reduced the number of its customers without power to 100.

Some 25,000 customers of Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co. still were without service Friday, but General Telephone Co. was down to its last 150 outages. Restoration of telephone service by Pacific Northwest Bell was expected to take as long as 10 days in some areas.

In Gresham, one of the hardest-hit areas, road crews were plowing major arterials and police expected 85 percent of key streets would be open for traffic. Chains still would be required, however, for side streets.

Clackamas and Washington county officials reported improved conditions in most areas due to the warming trend, though some freezing rain was reported by Oregon State Police in the Coast Range on Friday night. Hilly areas in both counties were well sanded and traffic problems were minimal.

Portland police said rush-hour traffic flowed smoothly Friday evening. All

main routes were sanded, and the downtown area appeared to be at its liveliest since the storm hit Monday.

All Tri-Met bus routes were served except No. 66, which uses Northwest Westover Road. "We still can't maneuver up there," said a Tri-Met spokesman. Tri-Met planned to maintain its normal weekend service.

Two of Portland International Airport's three runways were open Friday night, and a spokesman said he expected the third would open shortly.

Airlines had resumed operations that were temporarily discontinued during the peak of the storm.

Weather conditions in the Columbia Gorge from Multnomah Falls to Hood River varied from rain to snow Friday night.

Washington Gov. Dixy Lee Ray declared states of emergency in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties Friday evening. The declaration will allow local governments in those counties to use state equipment in digging out of heavy snow that was 104 inches deep in some locations.

So far, seven deaths had been attributed to the storm.

In Washington state, Byron L. Reynolds Jr., 15, Edmonds, was killed Thursday when the inner tube he was using as a sled ran into the path of a station wagon.

Clark County sheriff's deputies said Friday that the storm also was responsible for the death of George Allen Creamer, 74, who died of a heart attack Tuesday while plowing snow at his Woodland home.

In Pendleton, Lt. Bob Oliver of the Umatilla County sheriff's office said authorities were investigating tips from psychics in an attempt to locate Lucas M. Glenn, 4, a Hermiston boy who disappeared earlier in the week. Police earlier searched shallow ponds near the boy's home.

Part of Washington 14 remained closed for the fourth consecutive day Friday, this time from milepost 19 to Bingen, Wash.

Oregon State Police said they did not know when Interstate 80N between Hood River and Wood Village would reopen. It has been closed since late Tuesday, although westbound lanes have been plowed to enable stranded trucks and autos to be led out of the gorge in convoys by state police and highway crews.

The 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron of the U.S. Air Force Reserve was making helicopter flights into the gorge Friday to handle emergencies. The helicopter crews were hauling in medicine for residents and hay for stranded cattle. They also were searching for individuals who had been "out of touch" since the storm began.

Heavy snow made driving perilous in the Cascades, and the road from Government Camp to Timberline Lodge remained closed. Chains were required on U.S. 26 at Government Camp and on Interstate 5 through the Siskiyouos.

State police reported that winds in some parts of Eastern Oregon were gusting to 65 mph, drifting snow and restricting visibility.

Additional details on Pages B1,C5.

Canada puts limits on trade with Soviets

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Joe Clark said Friday that Canada would restrict trade with the Soviet Union and has launched a campaign to shift the 1980 Olympic Games from Moscow because of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Clark told reporters Canada would not take advantage of the reduction in grain sales from the United States to the Soviet Union and would limit its sales to Russia to the 3 million tons already promised. The amount will not be increased when Canada negotiates new sales to the Soviets in May, he said.

Canadian farmers will be compensated for any income lost from such restrictions, he added.

Clark also said Canada "questions the appropriateness of holding the Olympic Games in Moscow and will take a lead in discussing the alternatives with others." This would include Mexico and West Germany which, along with Canada, have recently been host the Summer Olympic Games.

Should the Games remain in the Soviet Union, however, Canada will not boycott them, he said.

Montreal was the site of the 1976 summer Olympics, and Clark said discussions have been held with Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau about the possibility of this year's Games being held in Montreal rather than Moscow. Drapeau said earlier in the week he didn't think

such a move would be a good idea.

James Worrall, a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, opposed Clark's stand. He said the International Olympic Committee awarded the Games to Moscow "and only the IOC can cancel them or move them to another site." He added that the IOC "has taken a strong position ... that the Games will go on in Moscow as planned."

Clark said other actions to be taken by Canada to protest the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan will include the cancellation of a \$500 million line of credit, the cancellation or postponement of all official visits to the Soviet Union, and the cancellation or restriction of scientific and cultural exchanges.

Canada will work with other Western industrial countries to "tighten up" the exports of strategic and high technology goods to the Soviet Union, he said.

Ottawa will deny Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, permission to increase its flights during the peak summer season and will consider further reductions in regular trips, Clark said.

He also said Canada would join others in assisting Afghanistan refugees in Pakistan.

"The government decided not to act against Soviet fishing rights in Canadian waters because such steps would be ineffective and might hurt Canada more than Moscow, the prime minister said.

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Wintry storm gives cause for caution, chilly curiosity

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HARROWING RIDE — David Patenaude, 20, jumps off back of car after being dragged 120 feet by vehicles in four-car crash on

Interstate 5 near Grants Pass Friday. He had stopped to help at a collision when another auto struck cars. No one was seriously hurt.

Associated Press Laser photo



WHAT PROBLEM? — Andy Czernik has no problem getting around downtown

Gresham Friday. Earlier in the week, police used snowmobiles to get around.



GIANT FALLS — Neighbors gather by a massive oak tree that came crashing down Friday, smashing into home at 1111 S.W. Vista Ave.

The piles of cut wood nearby indicate that little time was lost transforming fallen wood into fuel for hungry fireplaces or woodstoves.



NOT IN SERVICE — The snowbound condition of Cascade Locks is demonstrated by isolated telephone booth.



TREAD LIGHTLY — Gulls in Westmoreland Park step gingerly onto a frozen pond surface and find that it holds.